
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO STUDY AND EVALUATE THE HEALTH-RELATED AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF GLYPHOSATE-BASED HERBICIDE PRODUCTS.

1 WHEREAS, glyphosate is the active ingredient in a wide
2 range of herbicides and is commonly used in residential areas
3 and agricultural lands; and

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5 WHEREAS, research by the University of California, Berkeley
6 School of Public Health found that children who exhibited high
7 levels of glyphosate residue were associated with liver
8 inflammation and metabolic disorders, and that diet was the
9 major source of glyphosate exposure; and

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11 WHEREAS, a peer-reviewed research paper, *Use of Genetically*
12 *Modified Organism (GMO)-Containing Food Products in Children*,
13 conducted by the American Academy of Pediatrics concludes that
14 glyphosate may be an endocrine disruptor in humans and notes the
15 determination by the World Health Organization's International
16 Agency for Research on Cancer that glyphosate is "probably
17 carcinogenic to humans"; and

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19 WHEREAS, a peer-reviewed research paper, *Glyphosate: Its*
20 *Environmental Persistence and Impact on Crop Health and*
21 *Nutrition*, conducted by the National Library of Medicine,
22 suggests that glyphosate may reach groundwater and surface water
23 through leaching and surface runoff; and

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25 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a public trust responsibility to ensure
26 its citizens have the right to a clean and healthful environment
27 under Article XI, section 9, of the Hawai'i State Constitution;
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30 WHEREAS, many countries, including Denmark, France,
31 Germany, India, Mexico, and the Netherlands, have issued bans,



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1 imposed restrictions, or stated an intent to ban glyphosate,
2 finding its ties to environmental degradation and negative
3 health risks to be a threat to public health; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Department of
6 Health would be appropriate entities to evaluate the health-
7 related and environmental impacts of such a widely used
8 herbicide; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2024, that the Department of Agriculture, in
13 conjunction with the Department of Health, is urged to study and
14 evaluate the health-related and environmental impacts of
15 glyphosate-based herbicide products; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture,
18 in conjunction with the Department of Health, is requested to
19 submit a report of its findings and recommendations regarding
20 the health-related and environmental impacts of glyphosate-based
21 herbicide products, including any proposed legislation, to the
22 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
23 the Regular Session of 2025; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
27 Agriculture and Director of Health.
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