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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NEONICOTINOIDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that neonicotinoid
2 insecticides are neurotoxic insecticides that permanently bind
3 to insect nerve cells, overstimulating and destroying them.
4 Neonicotinoids are the most widely class of insecticides
5 worldwide.

6 The legislature further finds that research overwhelmingly
7 shows that neonicotinoid pesticides have destructive impacts on
8 pollinator populations, killing bees, butterflies, and birds,
9 and pose a serious threat to food systems, ecosystems, and
10 public health. Growing scientific evidence also suggests that
11 neonicotinoids have serious negative health impacts for humans.
12 Neonicotinoid contamination is common in water supplies, food,
13 and human bodies.

14 The purpose of this Act is to:

15 (1) Classify neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted use
16 pesticides; and



1 (2) Establish a list of chemicals that belong to the
2 neonicotinoid class of chemicals to be included under
3 this classification.

4 SECTION 2. Section 149A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended as follows:

6 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
7 and to read:

8 "Neonicotinoid pesticide" means any pesticide containing a
9 chemical belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals,
10 including but not limited to acetamiprid, clothianidin,
11 dinotefuran, imidacloprid, nitenpyram, nithiazine, thiacloprid,
12 thiamethoxam, or any other chemical designated by the EPA as
13 belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals."

14 2. By amending the definition of "restricted use
15 pesticide" to read:

16 "Restricted use pesticide" means:

17 (1) A pesticide or pesticide use classified by ~~the~~:

18 (A) The Administrator~~[7]~~ of the EPA~~[7]~~ for use by
19 certified applicators or competent persons under
20 their direct supervision and so designated on its
21 label; or



1 (B) The board for use by certified applicators or
2 competent persons under their direct supervision;
3 or

4 (2) [~~A pesticide or pesticide use classified by the board~~
5 ~~for use by certified applicators or competent persons~~
6 ~~under their direct supervision.] A neonicotinoid
7 pesticide."~~

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:  _____

S.B. NO. 1009

Report Title:

Neonicotinoid Pesticides; Restricted Use Pesticides

Description:

Amends the definition of "restricted use pesticide" to include neonicotinoid pesticides.

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