
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that pesticide
2 applications occurring near schools need to be further studied
3 to ensure Hawaii's children are not being impacted by off-target
4 pesticide drift.

5 The legislature also finds that the department of
6 agriculture has initiated a study on pesticide drift for schools
7 statewide. The legislature recognizes the importance of this
8 project to ensure children's safety and appropriate uses of
9 pesticides for agricultural food security.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
11 funds for the continued monitoring of pesticide drift in schools
12 statewide.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the pesticide use
14 revolving fund the sum of \$323,484 or so much thereof as may be
15 necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the sum of \$311,903 or
16 so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027,
17 to carry out the purposes of this Act, including for continued
18 monitoring of pesticide drift in schools statewide.

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1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of agriculture.

3 SECTION 3. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
4 on July 1, 2025.

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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Pesticides; Pesticide Drift Monitoring Study

Description:

Appropriates funding to the department of agriculture to continue the statewide pesticide drift monitoring study.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING.

PURPOSE: To appropriate funds for the continued monitoring of pesticide drift in schools statewide.

MEANS: Appropriate funds out of the pesticide use revolving fund.

JUSTIFICATION: The Department is required to complete a statewide drift monitoring study through a consent agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Department, in collaboration with the University of Hawaii at Manoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources initiated a statewide pesticide drift monitoring project in 2023.

Funding for the first two years was appropriated by the legislature in 2023-2024. Additional funding is needed to continue this important program.

Impact on the public: Once completed the monitoring data from the project will be available to both public and private entities to be used to ensure safety for children, appropriate mitigation techniques, and best management practices are implemented.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Continued funding will allow the Department to continue its study on pesticide drift.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: Pesticide Use Revolving Fund; FY26 \$323,484
FY27 \$311,903.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION: None.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025.