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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of  
2 agriculture administers the pesticide use revolving fund to  
3 support the pesticide program's registration and licensing,  
4 certification and education, and compliance monitoring  
5 activities; to establish pesticide training workshops and  
6 educational programs, including, but not limited to, eradication  
7 and control programs for pests; and to develop integrated pest  
8 management strategies and various other services for pesticide  
9 users. The legislature further finds that increasing the  
10 \$1,000,000 ceiling on the fund would provide the department of  
11 agriculture an increased ability to fund technical pesticide  
12 projects, complete costly environmental studies, and generally  
13 enhance resources dedicated to pesticide compliance and  
14 enforcement and biosecurity.

15           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to increase the  
16 ceiling on the pesticide use revolving fund to support the  
17 purposes of the pesticide use revolving fund.

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1 SECTION 2. Section 149A-13.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3 "(e) All unobligated, unencumbered, or unexpended funds  
4 remaining in the fund in excess of [~~\$1,000,000~~] \$3,000,000 at  
5 the close of each fiscal year shall lapse to the state general  
6 fund."

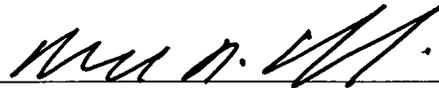
7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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INTRODUCED BY:



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BY REQUEST

# S.B. NO. 1305

**Report Title:**

Department of Agriculture; Pesticides; Pesticide Use Revolving Fund

**Description:**

Increases the ceiling of the pesticide use revolving fund.  
Effective July 1, 2025.

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Agriculture

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PESTICIDE USE REVOLVING FUND.

PURPOSE: To increase resources dedicated to pesticide compliance and enforcement and biosecurity.

MEANS: Amend section 149A-13.5(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The Department is responsible for ensuring pesticides are used correctly and lawfully in Hawaii. The bill is needed to enhance the fiscal ability of the Department to respond to questions about pesticide use, respond to complaints regarding pesticide use in a timely manner, provide technical assistance to agricultural industries, and make recommendations regarding pesticides for the protection of public safety and the environment.

An increase in the cap of unobligated, unencumbered, or unexpended funds remaining in the Pesticide Use Revolving Fund to \$3,000,000 would provide the Department with an increased ability to fund technical pesticide projects, complete costly environmental studies and modeling, and reduce inefficiencies of redundant software and other processes.

Impact on the public: Increased food safety via an increase in proper pesticide use on production of agricultural commodities. Safer environment due to the Department's increased fiscal ability to contract specialized and technical work related to monitoring of pesticides in the environment.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The bill will allow the Department to better fulfill its obligations relating to the regulation of pesticides.

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GENERAL FUND: None.  
OTHER FUNDS: None.  
PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: None.  
OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: None.  
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025.