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Comm. on Commerce & Consumer Protection

Friday, March 1, 2024
9:50 AM, Room 211 or via Videoconference

RE: **SB3316** Restricted Use Pesticide Reporting - **Support**

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz & Keohokalole, Vice Chairs Moriwaki & Fukunaga and Members of both Committees,

The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce represents over 100 small businesses across the State that strive for a triple bottom line: people, planet and prosperity; we know Hawaii can strengthen its economy without hurting workers, consumers, communities or the environment.

This is why we would support SB3316, which requires monthly rather than annual reporting of restricted use pesticides, amends the contents of reports to include specific geospatial data and information, site information, and increased detail on the amount of restricted use pesticides used, and requires the Department of Agriculture to develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticides.

Given the amount of harm that exposure to restricted use pesticides can cause children, kupuna, pollinators, workers and the environment, the slight inconvenience to report monthly is reasonable. If someone is harmed, they should not have to wait 11 months to discover that a mass spray event of RUPs happened right before they got sick 11 months earlier.

The data about RUP use should be available immediately and it should be accessible in a way that would actually be usable to people who want to keep their families and communities safe.

If farmers or chemical corporations do not want to be bothered reporting their RUP spray events, then they can choose to use an alternative pesticide that is less harmful to humans and the environment. If they stopped using RUPs, they would not have to bother with any of this reporting.