HB 378
RELING TO THE USE OF PESTICIDES

House Committees on
Energy and Environmental Protection;
Water and Land Use Planning; and
Ocean Recreation and Marine Resources.

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HB 378 would prohibit application of pesticides within 100 feet of any surface water as defined by the state water code or coastal waters as defined by the water pollution law, unless the pesticides are specifically registered for such uses.

Our statement on this bill does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The need for this measure is not readily apparent, and if there is a specific problem which the bill addresses, it is not clearly defined. Since, as the statute specifies, all application of pesticides must follow the label directions, the amended provisions appear redundant. The problem seems more to be one of enforcement rather than enactment of new law.