SB 531
RELATING TO ROADSIDE HERBICIDE USE

Senate Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs
Senate Committee on Labor and Environment

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SB 531 would amend Chapters 46 and 264, HRS, to limit use of herbicides by state agencies in the maintenance of public roadways. Roadside spraying would be reduced 50% over a period of three years.

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

This measure is substantially similar to SB 379, differing primarily in its extension of provisions for IVM to the counties as well as the state. Generally, given the preponderance of county jurisdiction over roadway vegetation management responsibilities, it seems reasonable to include them in this initiative.

We also note differences in the definitions of "nonchemical methods" between the measures. Generally, we prefer the definition employed in SB 379.