HB 359
PILOT PROGRAM FOR
THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES

HB 383
INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS FROM PESTICIDES

HB 384
GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

HB 385
PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

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WORKSHOPS ON PESTICIDE USE

HB 388
MONITORING PESTICIDES IN MEAT AND ANIMAL FEED

Statement for
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HB 359, 383, 384, 385, 387, 388, would make appropriations for various new programs related to pesticide management including the safe disposal of hazardous agricultural pesticides, the investigation of potential health risks, groundwater protection, applicator training programs, workshops on pesticide use, and monitoring of pesticides in meats and animal feeds. The statement on this bill does not represent an official position of the University of Hawaii.

Each bill reflects the recommendations provided in the technical report on Pesticides and Environmental Quality, prepared by the Office of Environmental Quality Control for the 1987 State Legislature on Act 127. The recommendations are supported by a comprehensive reference document and OEQC should be commended for the quality of the technical presentations produced. Time has not permitted our detailed evaluation of the documents but our initial review indicates that the tasks completed provide an excellent summary of the pesticide related problems and potential solutions in the state of Hawaii. The appropriation requests are well supported by the data included in the technical reference document. Passage of House Bills 359, 383, 384, 385, 387, and 388 should greatly improve the state's ability to regulate pesticides in Hawaii.

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The Environmental Center submitted testimony on the companion bill HB 359. Our previous statement remains applicable to SB 681.