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Aloha,

Please do not reverse the anti pesticide bill that has kept Maui kids and Golfers from having poisons (pesticides and herbicides) from off gassing in their faces when they use Maui County Parks and Golf Course.

The platform for such poisons is OrganoPhosphates which are Estrogen mimickers and can be used to keep breast cancer cells alive in a petri dish.

The Golf Course and Parks are in great condition since they stopped using poison. Poison is expensive, use that money to give County Workers an increase in pay.

BILL 131 (2024), RELATING TO PESTICIDE AND FERTILIZER USE ON COUNTY PROPERTY (ADEPT-16)

The ADEPT Committee heard testimony and this item was deferred. Bottom line is, we don't need Poison. What we need is people who value the Keiki by using Regenerative Ag practices that build soil health versus spraying poison that kills the life in the soil and off gasses into the air we breathe. Poisons are making our kids sicker and we need to wakeup and do better.

Thank you.

Aloha,
Mila

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From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 2:06 PM
To: ADEPT Committee
Subject: FW: Stop Maui Parks Proposal Allowing Toxic Pesticides, Fertilizers on Playing Fields and Golf Courses!

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From: averye444@everyactionadvocacy.com <averye444@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 2:01 PM
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Dear County Clerk Moana Lutey,

I am writing to urge you to vote against Bill 131 and stop a proposal before the County Council on Friday, September 13, 2024 that will repeal Maui's ordinance to prevent the use of toxic pesticides and fertilizers in the management of playing fields and golf courses. In order to protect public health, mitigate the climate crisis, and curtail biodiversity collapse, now is not the time to backtrack and reverse course on the County law to eliminate petrochemical pesticides and fertilizers on Maui.

Please send any legislation amending the pesticide ordinance relating to pesticide and fertilizer use to the Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee for consideration.

When Maui County adopted the ordinance to transition away from toxic pesticide and fertilizer use in 2021, allowing only those materials permitted under federal organic law, it provided important leadership on a critical public health issue.

The ordinance codifies the values and principles of the elected officials on behalf of the people of Maui with the clarity of its commitment:

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the County's purchase or use of certain pesticides and fertilizers to safeguard the health and welfare of County of Maui employees, residents, and visitors; and to conserve and protect the County's waterways and natural resources.

Scientific evidence in support of Maui's ordinance is overwhelming—the hearing record reflects this with cited scientific and regulatory documents—from the adverse effects of toxic pesticides and fertilizers.

Land management practices are effective without toxic pesticides and fertilizers. The Maui law advances a land management system, pest prevention, and proper fertilization by nurturing biodiversity and natural cycling of nutrients, recognizing that we can manage playing fields, park lands, and golf courses on Maui via a whole systems ecological approach.

The Parks Department was provided with a plan and the staff was provided with training for the management of several pilot sites (War Memorial Little League Field, Luana Gardens, Makana Park) by Beyond Pesticides. This information should have facilitated compliance with the 2021 Maui ordinance. A major tenet of success in implementing organic land management is the concept of replacing chemical-intensive management practices with the nurturing of healthy soils with a soil food web that provides nutrients through the breakdown of organic matter.

As the report and training provided to the Parks Department says:

The goal of a natural organic turf management program is to create turf that meets aesthetic site objectives while eliminating toxic and synthetic chemical inputs that may have adverse impacts on health, the environment, and soil biology. Additionally, the products and programs are designed to utilize materials and adopt cultural practices that will avoid problems associated with runoff or leaching of nutrients and pest control products into water bodies and groundwater.

We can and must end our unnecessary reliance on petrochemical pesticides and fertilizers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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