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Charter Amendment Proposal Form

1. Please provide a brief description of: The Proposed Charter amendment, the purpose of the proposed Charter amendment, the issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal, and how the proposal would address the issue or problem.:

Honolulu should amend the Charter to ban toxic lawn pesticides on municipal parks and playgrounds and schools adjacent to municipal parks.

Honolulu should also provide for parents' pesticide notification system by requiring schools and parks to provide at least 24-hour electronic notification any time a pesticide application is scheduled to occur on school/parks property as well as requiring and tracking the use of pesticides and integrated pest management (IPM) methods to reduce pesticide use on City properties.

Children are particularly endangered by pesticides – because these chemicals accumulate in kids' growing bodies faster than for the rest of us.

By keeping pesticides off of playgrounds and school property, we limit children's exposure to those who are most likely to become ill as a result of them. Improving our notification procedures will better inform parents about pesticide and herbicide applications at their children's schools.

Honolulu should ban lawn pesticides (in municipal parks and playgrounds and schools adjacent to municipal parks) which are defined as a pesticide registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and labeled pursuant to the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for use in lawn, garden and ornamental sites or areas. "Lawn care pesticide" does not include (A) a microbial pesticide or biochemical pesticide that is registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, (B) a horticultural soap or oil that is registered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and does not contain any synthetic pesticide or synergist, or (C) a pesticide classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as an exempt material pursuant to 40 CFR 152.25, as amended from time to time.

In 2005, Connecticut became the first state in the nation to prohibit the use of lawn care pesticides on school athletic fields serving grades K-6 schools and daycare centers. The original law was expanded in 2009 to include middle school fields (Grades 7 and 8). Activists and concerned parents have been working for years in Connecticut to extend the current prohibition of pesticide use to include high schools, athletic fields, municipal parks and town land.

2. If applicable, list the Charter provision(s) affected by the proposal::

N/A

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or laws of another jurisdiction (e.g., another county, city, or municipality), name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of each provision or law.:

Connecticut.

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2015/TOB/s/pdf/2015SB-01502-R00-SB.pdf>

Relevant Provision:

N/A

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy of each with a citation to its source.:

N/A

5. Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see instructions below).:

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- **AMENDING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** Indicate by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate by [bracketing], any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.
- **REPLACING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** [Bracket] the article, chapter, or section of the Charter proposed to be deleted, and underscore the text of any provision proposed to replace the deleted material.