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Sent: 11/3/2017 7:04:41 PM
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Subject: RE: Hawai'i issue

Thanks, John.

One of the concerns of Hawai'i Farm Bureau is that the legislature goes back in in January. At last count, there were about 16 anti-pesticide bills pending and if something like this gets underway it might have the effect of simply ginning up support for those efforts in the state legislature

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Paul Schlegel <pauls@fb.org>
Subject: RE: Hawai'i issue

I know what this is. Stand by Paul and I'll be in touch. Thank you all.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Paul Schlegel <pauls@fb.org>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hawai'i issue
Importance: High

Are your ears burning. I was actually about to call you on something else. Will do later today if that's ok?

Copying John Konkus who can investigate. He's watches over all-things grants and will appreciate hearing more from you on this.

John- our grant RFP hasn't gone out yet so I don't think it's originating in an OPEEE program.

From: Paul Schlegel [mailto:pauls@fb.org]
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Hawai'i issue

Tate –

I wanted to bring an item to your attention to see if you or someone there might be able to help.

Hawai'i Farm Bureau just brought to our attention a grant EPA has either just awarded or is considering that looks like it is funding an anti-pesticide campaign in that state. Here is the link:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-10/documents/ejsg_2017_project_summaries.pdf. It's on about page 5 of the document but I've pasted it in below as well.

GMOs and pesticides are very controversial topics in Hawai'i and Kaua'i particularly. I'm trying to get more information that might be helpful to Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Could you steer me in the right direction as to whom I could talk to about this?

Thanks,

Paul

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Recipient: Kaua'i Environmental Health Network (newer grantee)

Project Title: The Kanawai Community Engagement Project Project

Location: Waimea, HI (underrepresented state)

Project Partners: Kekaha Hawaiian Home Lands Association, Kekaha Community Garden, Po'ai Wai Ola: West Kaua'i Watershed Alliance

Project Type: Pesticide Education

Environmental Statute(s): Clean Water Act; Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

Project Description: The Kānāwai Community Engagement Project will provide opportunities for west Kaua'i residents to learn about and protect against impacts to water quality and public health due to toxic pesticide use by large agricultural companies working in the local area. The project will educate community members on the CWA, FIFRA, and local watersheds through exchanges with local water experts, Hawaiian cultural practitioners, policymakers and state agency conservationists. Project activities include: 1) Engaging at least 150 residents through a Neighborhood Door-to-Door Education effort 2) Conducting walking tours and trainings, and 3) Developing a First Draft of a Community Collaboration Plan of Action.