

Use of Cosmetic Pesticides

WHEREAS there is growing concern regarding the health effects of pesticide use on our population, particularly on our children;

AND WHEREAS a recent public petition signed by 4200 Islanders against the use of cosmetic lawn pesticides certainly warrants further review and assessment, with the potential of a province-wide ban;

AND WHEREAS the City of Charlottetown has already requested the right to have the legal authority to ban cosmetic pesticides;

AND WHEREAS different municipal regulatory regimes will create confusion and added challenges around the enforcement of regulations;

AND WHEREAS other cities and towns across Canada have also received similar representations of concern on this identical issue, albeit in a less formal manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly give the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Environment a mandate to fully review the implementation and potential impacts of a province-wide ban on the use of cosmetic lawn pesticides.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be authorized to meet after the prorogation of the First Session of the Sixty-third General Assembly and make report to this House during the Spring 2008 Session.