

## 8. AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES

### Background

Insects, pests, and disease harm a multitude of agricultural products every year. This adversely affects the consuming public as well. Although particular pests or diseases may hit a specific geographical area, the general problem is shared by most of the Southern states. Often efforts to address this problem are duplicated, reducing overall availability of resources. A coordinated study of the problem - its causes, effects, and solutions - would benefit the agricultural community and the public as a whole.

### Recommendation

The Southern Legislative Conference, in recognizing this problem, recommends the creation of a regional task force to study the efforts being made in this area, the issues relating to the use of pesticides and herbicides, and the effects on the agricultural community and consuming public. The committee also recommends that the Southern Legislative Conference go on record supporting this position.

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