Honolulu, Hawaii

Monh31, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 139

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 139 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY ON DECABROMODIPHENYLETHER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to respond to building evidence that decabromodiphenylether (Deca-BDE) poses serious health risks to people by requesting that the Department of Health (DOH) determine whether there are safer, technically feasible alternatives to the use of Deca-BDE as a fire retardant in household electrical appliances.

DOH and the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii supported this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee finds that preliminary studies suggest that exposure to Deca-BDE may pose health risks to people's thyroid, liver, reproductive system, and neurological system. Therefore, it is important to find safer alternatives to use as fireretardants on products that people are exposed to on a regular basis such as their televisions and computers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 139 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health,

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

State of Hawaii

House of Representatives
The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

HUR 139	Date:	3/23/04		
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	☐ Pa	ss, with amendmen	ts	
☐ Hold	 Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration 			
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)				
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)				
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
4. HALE, Heléne H.				
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
6. SONSON, Alex M.7. HALFORD, Chris				
7. HALFORD, CHIPS				

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□ Not Adopted				
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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