Honolulu, Hawaii

Merch 31, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 102

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.R. No. 102 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY ON DECABROMODIPHENYLETHER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this 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 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.R. No. 102 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

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HK 102	Date:	123/06		
Committee Referral:	☐ The committee is reconsidering its			
Committee Referral: HIT, CPC	previous decision on the measure.			
the recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments				
☐ 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				
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