

ACT 13

H.B. NO. 1538

A Bill for an Act Relating to Environmentally-Sensitive Products.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§302A- Environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products for use in public schools. The department of education shall require that all public

school facilities give first preference, where feasible, to the purchase and use of environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products that have been approved by the Green Seal program pursuant to section 321- , for use in public school facilities:

- (1) To clean hard surfaces in bathrooms such as counters, walls, floors, fixtures, basins, tubs, or tile;
- (2) To eliminate dirt and stains on rugs and carpeting;
- (3) For routine cleaning of hard surfaces, including impervious flooring such as concrete or tile; provided that this category shall not include:
 - (A) Products intended primarily to strip, polish, or wax floors; or
 - (B) Cleaners intended primarily for cleaning toilet bowls, dishes, laundry, upholstery, or wood;
- (4) To clean glass, windows, mirrors, or metallic or polished surfaces;
- (5) For routine, non-specialized hand cleaning;
- (6) Paper towels or other paper used for cleaning; provided that this category shall not include toilet paper, facial tissue, or paper towels used for drying hands; and
- (7) Other categories as identified in the department of health.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§321- Environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products for use in public schools; approved list of products. (a) The department of health shall maintain a list of products that have been approved by the Green Seal program for public school facilities to use as a first preference guideline when purchasing and using environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products; provided that the department may add or remove any product from the list as deemed necessary by the director.

(b) The department shall review and evaluate existing research regarding environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products, including any research and guidance issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Vetoed by Governor and veto overridden by Legislature on July 15, 2009.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.