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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON DEcabROMODIPHENYLEther.

1           WHEREAS, decabromodiphenylether is a chemical flame  
2 retardant that is widely used in household products such as  
3 television sets and upholstered sofas even though it has not  
4 been proven safe to humans; and

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6           WHEREAS, decabromodiphenylether is added to consumer  
7 products like computers, televisions, curtains, upholstered  
8 furniture, and carpet as flame retardants, after which it  
9 leaches out of these products and into the environment,  
10 accumulating in our bodies, food, homes, office, water, and  
11 land; and

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13           WHEREAS, preliminary studies suggest that exposure to  
14 decabromodiphenylether may pose health risks to the thyroid, the  
15 liver, the reproductive system, and the neurological system; and

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17           WHEREAS, decabromodiphenylether is the only polybrominated  
18 diphenyl ether remaining on the local market, following the  
19 Legislature's 2004 ban on two other polybrominated diphenyl  
20 ethers; and

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22           WHEREAS, nonetheless, when it enters the environment,  
23 decabromodiphenylether has the capacity to break down through  
24 biological processes or sunlight into the polybrominated  
25 diphenyl ether congeners that are predominately found in the two  
26 now prohibited polybrominated diphenyl ethers; now, therefore,

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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health is  
31 respectfully requested to determine whether there are safer,  
32 technically feasible alternatives to the use of  
33 decabromodiphenylether in consumer products; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
 2 requested to submit findings and recommendations, including any  
 3 proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty  
 4 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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