
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAINTAIN CURRENT
SCIENTIFIC DATA ON COMMUNITY EXPOSURE TO ACTUAL AND
POTENTIAL SOURCES OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS.

1 WHEREAS, epidemiological studies and toxicological risk
2 assessments have shown possible hazards to human health
3 associated with the presence of hazardous substances in the
4 environment; and

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6 WHEREAS, in the race for technological advancement and
7 global expansion, the high-technology industry significantly
8 depletes natural resources and uses vast amounts of dangerous
9 chemicals; and

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11 WHEREAS, the impact of technological advancement reveals
12 hazardous waste disposal, polluted drinking water, waste
13 discharges that harm fish and wildlife, and high rates of
14 miscarriages, birth defects, and cancer clusters among residents
15 and workers in contaminated communities; and

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17 WHEREAS, up-to-date information on the environmental health
18 hazards related to advanced technology is needed to develop
19 intervention strategies that will continually reduce or
20 eliminate exposures that threaten health in order to promote the
21 health and welfare of the residents and visitors of Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, communication is essential in order to address
24 community concerns, incorporate community knowledge in the
25 decision-making process, and provide information about the
26 health risks associated with hazardous substances and the basis
27 behind risk management decisions; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
31 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Health
32 shall maintain current scientific data on community exposure to
33 actual and potential sources of environmental health hazards,



1 including environmental health hazards posed by technological
2 advances; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health shall
5 maintain updated information regarding its characterization of
6 contaminant sources, identification of routes of exposure,
7 investigation of health effects, and the employment of risk
8 assessments and management strategies to minimize adverse
9 outcomes; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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