
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A PREVENTION AND
EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON THE INCREASING INCIDENCE OF BEDBUGS.

1 WHEREAS, after nearly being eradicated six decades ago,
2 bedbugs are appearing in growing numbers throughout the United
3 States; and

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5 WHEREAS, the National Pest Management Association indicates
6 they have received reports of bedbugs in forty-three states; and

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8 WHEREAS, changing pest control practices that favor non-
9 toxic alternatives is believed to have contributed to the
10 current bedbug problem; and

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12 WHEREAS, increased world travel has also been a factor in
13 the re-emergence of bedbugs, which are easily transported in a
14 suitcase and can survive for long periods without food; and

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16 WHEREAS, nationally, a number of hotels with bedbug
17 problems have had to deal with frustrated visitors and negative
18 publicity; and

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20 WHEREAS, Hawaii's visitor industry and residents alike are
21 susceptible to the increasing incidence of bedbugs and the
22 exorbitant costs related to their control and extermination;
23 now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Health is
28 requested to conduct a prevention and education campaign on the
29 increasing incidence of bedbugs; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
32 requested to submit findings and recommendations to the



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1 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2007; and

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

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