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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO WORK IN COOPERATION WITH  
THE STATE TOURISM LIAISON AND THE HAWAII HOTEL & LODGING  
ASSOCIATION IN RAISING AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND PREVENTION  
OF 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  
9 non-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 Senate of the Twenty-third  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
28 Health is requested to work in cooperation with the State  
29 Tourism Liaison and the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association in  
30 raising awareness, education, and prevention of the increasing  
31 incidence of bedbugs; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is  
2 requested to submit findings and recommendations to the  
3 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
4 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,  
8 the State Tourism Liaison, and the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging.

