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## SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-third  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,  
31 that the Department of Health shall maintain current scientific  
32 data on community exposure to actual and potential sources of  
33 environmental health hazards, including environmental health  
34 hazards posed by technological advances; and

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

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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