

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1304 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 31, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 139

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 139 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY ON
DECABROMODIPHENYLETHER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to respond to building evidence that decabromodiphenylether (Deca-BDE) poses serious health risks to people by requesting that the Department of Health (DOH) determine whether there are safer, technically feasible alternatives to the use of Deca-BDE as a fire retardant in household electrical appliances.

DOH and the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii supported this concurrent resolution.

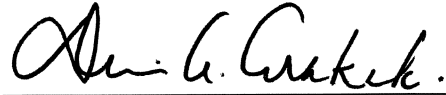
Your Committee finds that preliminary studies suggest that exposure to Deca-BDE may pose health risks to people's thyroid, liver, reproductive system, and neurological system. Therefore, it is important to find safer alternatives to use as fire-retardants on products that people are exposed to on a regular basis such as their televisions and computers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 139 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



