

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1318 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

August 3, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 84

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 84 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW THE AVAILABLE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON DEcabromodiphenyl ether AND ASSESS THE AVAILABILITY OF SAFER, EFFECTIVE, AND TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE FLAME RETARDANTS THAT CAN BE USED IN ITS PLACE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to protect consumers from potential health hazards of decabromodiphenyl ether, a flame retardant used in products such as televisions, wiring, and upholstery, by requesting the Department of Health (DOH) to:

- (1) Review scientific research on the chemical; and
- (2) Determine whether safer retardants can be used in its place.

DOH and Bromine Science and Environmental Forum supported this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee finds that the review requested by this measure will help to determine whether there is a consumer protection issue that may be addressed by regulation.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 84 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



