

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 36
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R.
No. 36, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF
HEALTH TO CONDUCT A PREVENTION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON THE
INCREASING INCIDENCE OF BEDBUGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Director of
Health to conduct a prevention and education campaign on the
increasing incidence of bedbugs.

Your Committee finds that an increase in the incidence of
bedbugs could be detrimental to Hawaii's tourism industry.
Although bedbugs are not known to carry disease, they often can
cause allergic reactions, including itching, and their presence is
offensive.

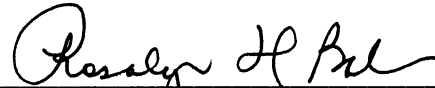
Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its
contents and replacing it with the contents of Senate Concurrent
Resolution No. 69, S.D. 1, a similar measure that requests the
Department of Health to work in cooperation with the State Tourism
Liaison and the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association in raising
awareness, education, and prevention of the increasing incidence
of bedbugs.

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. 36, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 36, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
 Committee on Health
 (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HCR 36 HD1	HTH	4/21/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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HOUSE 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 costs
22 related to their control and extermination; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
27 Health is requested to work in cooperation with the State
28 Tourism Liaison and the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association in
29 raising awareness, education, and prevention of the increasing
30 incidence of bedbugs; and

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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
10 Association.

