

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3692

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 84

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. 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 measure is to request 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.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, and the Bromine Science and
Environmental Forum.


Your Committee finds that the chemical flame retardant
decabromodiphenyl ether (Deca-BDE) poses a health risk to
consumers and that several states have enacted legislation
restricting its use. Research needs to be conducted into safer
alternative flame retardants.

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. 84,
and recommends its adoption.

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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:* <i>HCR 84</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH</i>	Date: <i>4/12/06</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input 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	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i>				
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