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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MONITOR RESEARCH THAT IS BEING CONDUCTED TO INVESTIGATE THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THE USE OF BISPHENOL-A AND PHTHALATES IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S TOYS AND CHILDCARE PRODUCTS.

1           WHEREAS, many common ingredients used for the production of  
2 foods, textile, tools, and toys have been found to be toxic for  
3 human use or consumption; and  
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5           WHEREAS, phthalates, a class of chemicals used in polyvinyl  
6 chloride plastic to improve flexibility and, in cosmetics to  
7 bind fragrance to the product, are also used in many products  
8 intended for use by infants and young children, including  
9 teethingers, toys, and soft plastic books; and  
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11           WHEREAS, there is extensive scientific literature reporting  
12 the hormone-disrupting effect of phthalates and substantial  
13 evidence that levels of the phthalates of concern are found in  
14 humans at levels associated with adverse effects; and  
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16           WHEREAS, often such chemicals have a far greater  
17 devastating effect on children whose bodies are still in a  
18 rapidly developing state in this stage of life; and  
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20           WHEREAS, population studies show that virtually everyone  
21 carries some level of phthalates in their body; and  
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23           WHEREAS, many have called for a prohibition on the  
24 manufacture, sale, or distribution of certain toys and child  
25 care articles containing bisphenol-A or specific types of  
26 phthalates in concentrations exceeding 0.1 per cent and to  
27 require manufacturers to use safer alternatives when replacing  
28 phthalates in their products; now, therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
2 Health is requested to monitor research that is being conducted  
3 to investigate the risks involved in the use of phthalates and  
4 bisphenol-A in consumer products, including children's toys and  
5 childcare products; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
8 requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than  
9 twenty days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session  
10 on the research being conducted, information gathered, and any  
11 recommendations and proposed legislation; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
15 of Health, Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and Dean  
16 of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine.

