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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE
EFFECTS OF INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY STANDARDS ON
RECREATIONAL INFLATABLE PLAY STRUCTURES FOR CHILDREN.

1 WHEREAS, inflatable rides, slides, and bounce houses have
2 become popular rental attractions at children's parties
3 throughout the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, though operators in this unregulated industry
6 believe that these types of play structures are relatively safe,
7 serious accidents have occurred as a result of the rising use of
8 these inflatables; and
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10 WHEREAS, in June of 2007, two children narrowly escaped
11 serious injury when an inflatable bounce house they were playing
12 in broke loose and was blown approximately fifty yards offshore
13 into the ocean off Ma'ili on Oahu; and
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15 WHEREAS, according to a recent analysis by the United
16 States Consumer Product Safety Commission, inflatable rides were
17 involved in an estimated 4,900 injuries in 2004; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Consumer Product Safety Commission had reports
20 of four fatalities from inflatable amusement rides between 2002
21 and 2005; and
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23 WHEREAS, while there are many well-made products available
24 in this industry, there are also many sub par products as well;
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27 WHEREAS, it is imperative that adequate training is
28 available to individuals installing or setting up the inflatable
29 play structures; and
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1 WHEREAS, regulations and safety standards need to be
 2 implemented and consistent throughout the industry in order to
 3 decrease the risk of injury and death to children; and
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5 WHEREAS, operators in the business of renting inflatables
 6 often have difficulty finding insurance coverage due to the lack
 7 of regulation in the field; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
 11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
 12 requested to conduct a study to determine the effects of
 13 industry regulation and safety standards on recreational
 14 inflatable play structures for children; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor's study shall also
 17 include an evaluation of whether licensure should be required of
 18 businesses and operators of inflatable play structures and
 19 whether it falls under section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
 20 requiring an Auditor's review as a profession or vocation; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor report its findings
 23 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
 24 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the
 28 Director of Health, and the Director of Commerce and Consumer
 29 Affairs.
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