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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A
LITERATURE REVIEW OF THE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM LONG TERM
EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS.

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Health is to
2 protect and improve the health and environment for all people in
3 Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, one of the goals of the Department of Health is to
6 promote health and well-being; and

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8 WHEREAS, studies have shown that working with hazardous
9 waste materials poses inherent risks to the health and safety of
10 the people who handle them; and

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12 WHEREAS, specifically, there are certain chemical,
13 biological, and accidental hazards associated with handling
14 hazardous waste materials; and

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16 WHEREAS, some of these chemical, biological, and accidental
17 hazards include exposure to known pesticides, bacteria, and
18 carcinogens that may cause cancer if they are not treated
19 properly; exposure to dust, fungi, and endotoxins that may lead
20 to lung cancer among workers exposed to organic dust; and
21 exposure to broken glass and used syringes that may lead to the
22 transfer of bloodborne pathogens such as Human Immunodeficiency
23 Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, and Hepatitis C Virus; and

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25 WHEREAS, the employees who collect and treat hazardous
26 waste materials on a daily basis could suffer adverse health
27 effects; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative



