

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

460

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 19, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1633

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 1633  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOXIC PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the health and safety  
of children by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and distribution  
of products for young children that contain bisphenol-A or  
phthalates and requiring manufacturers to choose safe  
alternatives.

The Grocery manufacturers Association, Retail Merchants  
Hawaii, and American Chemistry Council opposed this bill. The  
Department of Health and American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific,  
Inc. submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by replacing its  
contents with provisions requiring the Legislative Reference  
Bureau to perform a study, working with information from the  
Centers for Disease Control, investigating the risks involved in  
the use of phthalates and bisphenol-A in consumer products,  
including children's toys and childcare products. The study is to  
be submitted to the Legislature prior to the start of the 2010  
Regular Session.

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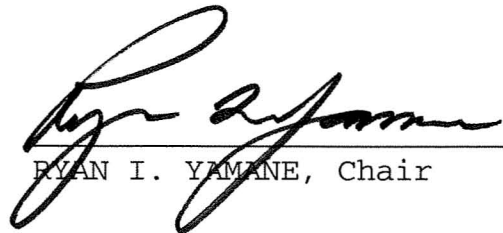


Your Committee has further amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1633, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1633, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



