

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 5, 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 43
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.C.R. No. 43
entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO INVESTIGATE HAZARDS POSED BY POLYSTYRENE FOOD
CONTAINERS AND TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR BIODEGRADABLE
PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS AND GROCERY BAGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the
Department of Health to study, report on, and create standards
regarding polystyrene and polyethylene, which are used in grocery
bags and food containers and may be hazardous.

The Department of Health submitted testimony in opposition.
The Hawaii Food Industry Association supported this measure with
amendments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Expanding resolution title and language to include a
study of possible beneficial uses for disposed polystyrene.
- (2) Making technical, non-substantive changes for clarity,
consistency, and style.

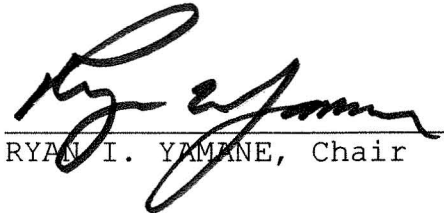
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your
Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No.

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43, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 43, H.D. 1.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



