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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE PHASE OUT OF PRODUCTION AND IMPORTATION OF  
DECABROMODIPHENYL ETHER (DECABDE) AND ALL OTHER  
POLYBROMINATED DIPHENYL ETHERS (PBDES) IN THE UNITED  
STATES.

1           WHEREAS, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) have been  
2 used extensively as fire retardants in many common household  
3 products for the past thirty years; and  
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5           WHEREAS, major producers of fire retardants have committed  
6 to producing effective life saving fire retardants that have  
7 minimal impact on the environment; and  
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9           WHEREAS, on December 17, 2009, as the result of  
10 negotiations with the United States Environmental Protection  
11 Agency, the two U.S. producers of the PBDE decabromodiphenyl  
12 ether (decaBDE), Albemarle Corporation and Chemtura Corporation,  
13 and the largest U.S. importer, ICL Industrial Products, Inc.,  
14 announced commitments to voluntarily phase out decaBDE in the  
15 United States; and  
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17           WHEREAS, decaBDE is a flame retardant which has been used  
18 in electronics, wire and cable insulation, textiles, automobiles  
19 and airplanes, and other applications; and  
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21           WHEREAS, these companies have committed to end production,  
22 importation, and sales of decaBDE for most uses in the United  
23 States by December 31, 2012, and to end all uses by the end of  
24 2013; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has also  
27 announced its intent to encourage the other minor importers of  
28 decaBDE to join this initiative; now, therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature  
2 supports this phase out of production and importation of decaBDE  
3 and all other PBDEs in the United States; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the  
6 Environmental Protection Agency to continue its efforts to  
7 encourage the remaining minor importers of decaBDE to end their  
8 importation of decaBDE into the United States; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the  
12 United States Environmental Protection Agency and to Hawaii's  
13 congressional delegation.

