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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE PHASE OUT OF PRODUCTION AND IMPORTATION OF  
DECABROMODIPHENYL ETHER AND ALL OTHER POLYBROMINATED  
DIPHENYL ETHERS 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 30 years; and  
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5           WHEREAS, major producers of fire retardants have committed  
6 to producing effective live-saving fire retardants that have a  
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 (U.S.) Environmental  
11 Protection Agency, the two U.S. producers of the PBDE  
12 decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE), Albemarle Corporation and  
13 Chemtura Corporation, and the largest U.S. importer, ICL  
14 Industrial Products, Inc., announced commitments to phase out  
15 decaBDE in the 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 U.S. by  
23 December 31, 2012, and to end all uses by the end of 2013; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has also  
26 announced its intent to encourage the other minor importers of  
27 decaBDE to join this initiative; now, therefore,  
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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2010, that this body hereby supports this phase out of  
32 production and importation of decaBDE and all other PBDEs in the  
33 U.S.; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the  
2 Environmental Protection Agency to continue its efforts to  
3 encourage the remaining minor importers of decaBDE to end their  
4 importation of decaBDE into the U.S.; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the United  
8 States Environmental Protection Agency and to Hawaii's  
9 congressional delegation.

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