

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 12, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2709
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2709, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PRODUCTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to contribute to the health of Hawaii's natural environment, as well as the safety of its students. Specifically, this bill includes:

- (1) The Design for the Environment Program of the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and
- (2) The EcoLogo Program administered by TerraChoice Environmental Marketing, Inc.,

as programs whose approved cleaning and maintenance products will be given first preference by public schools in the continuing effort to promote the purchase and use of environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products.

The Consumer Specialty Products Association testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health supported this bill with amendments. The Department of Education offered comments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting all references to the EcoLogo program; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2709, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2709, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

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



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



