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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS IN HAWAII TO VOLUNTARILY  
REFRAIN FROM SELLING, PURCHASING, AND DISTRIBUTING PRODUCTS  
THAT CONTAIN BISPHENOL-A.

1           WHEREAS, Bisphenol-A, commonly abbreviated as BPA, is a  
2 synthetic compound used primarily in the manufacture of plastic  
3 items, including some baby bottles and sippy cups, infant  
4 formula cans and jars, food and drink containers, and reusable  
5 water bottles; and  
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7           WHEREAS, according to many experts, Bisphenol-A is linked  
8 to a wide range of health problems, including adverse effects on  
9 fetal and infant behavior and brain development, obesity and  
10 associated diseases, thyroid function, and breast cancer; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the adverse health effects are even more  
13 pronounced in babies, toddlers, and children; and  
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15           WHEREAS, several jurisdictions have banned Bisphenol-A from  
16 certain children's food and beverage containers, including  
17 Chicago, Minnesota, Connecticut, and Canada; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the current market provides similar plastic  
20 products manufactured without Bisphenol-A; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the residents of Hawaii, and especially keiki,  
23 should not be subject to unnecessary health risks; now,  
24 therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2011, that wholesalers and retailers that operate in the  
29 State are requested to voluntarily refrain from selling,  
30 purchasing, and distributing products that contain Bisphenol-A;  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and  
3 Consumer Affairs to be disseminated to wholesalers and retailers  
4 that distribute products that contain Bisphenol-A.  
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