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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CADMIUM.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that cadmium is an  
2 extremely toxic metal that increasingly has been detected in  
3 high levels in children's products, most notably in products  
4 manufactured in China and imported for sale in the United  
5 States. Cadmium is frequently found in children's products made  
6 of metal, such as jewelry and clothing accessories, but it has  
7 also been found in pigments and paints that are used in other  
8 children's products and toys. Children are at particular risk  
9 because of their propensity to bite, chew, or suck on their  
10 toys, jewelry, and other articles. The legislature further  
11 finds that cadmium, even if ingested in small amounts, can cause  
12 kidney failure and bone damage, while repeated exposure to  
13 cadmium can cause cancer. Small children exposed to cadmium can  
14 experience delayed brain development.

15           The legislature finds that it is in the best interest of  
16 Hawaii's children to significantly reduce their exposure to  
17 cadmium as early as possible and, ultimately, eliminate exposure  
18 altogether.



1           The purpose of this Act is to ensure the health and safety  
2 of children in this State by prohibiting the manufacture, sale,  
3 and distribution of children's products that contain cadmium.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
6 and to read as follows:

7           "§321-       Cadmium in children's products; prohibition.

8           (a) After June 30, 2015, no person shall manufacture, sell,  
9 offer for sale, or otherwise distribute in the State any  
10 children's product that contains cadmium in an amount more than  
11 .004 per cent by weight.

12           (b) As used in this section:

13           "Cadmium" means elemental cadmium and any compounds or  
14 alloys that contain cadmium.

15           "Children's product" means any consumer product or  
16 component thereof that is designed and intended primarily for  
17 use by children under twelve years of age, including but not  
18 limited to jewelry, clothing and accessories, decorative  
19 objects, backpacks, candy, food, dietary supplements and other  
20 edible or chewable items, toys, furniture, or other articles  
21 used by or intended to be used by children.



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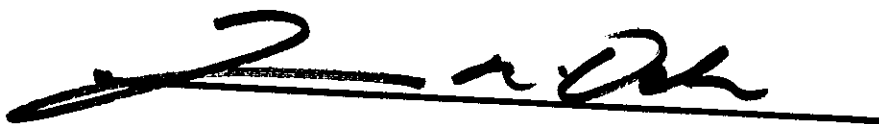
1        (c) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
 2        for the purpose of this section, including rules that provide  
 3        for product testing and enforcement of this section."

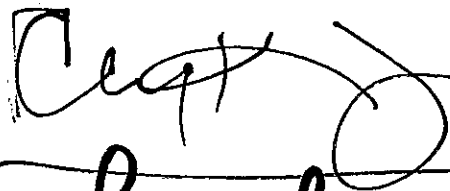
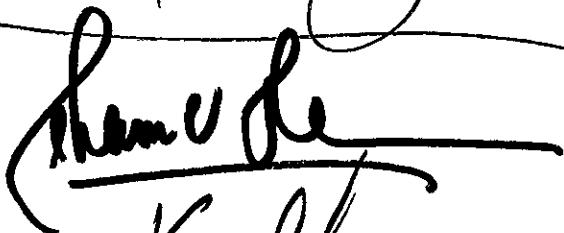
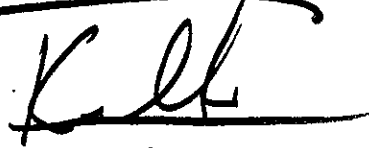
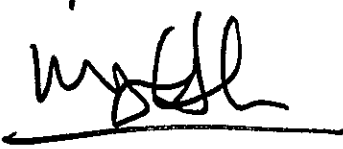

4        SECTION 3.    New statutory material is underscored.

5        SECTION 4.    This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Cadmium; Children's Products

**Description:**

Prohibits the sale, manufacture, and distribution in the State of children's products that contain cadmium more than .004 per cent by weight.

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