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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO AMEND ITS ADMINISTRATIVE  
RULES TO INCLUDE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES IN THE  
DEPARTMENT'S WORK PRACTICE STANDARDS AND NOTIFICATION  
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEMOLITION AND RENOVATION OF  
FACILITIES CONTAINING ASBESTOS.

1           WHEREAS, asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral  
2 historically used in building construction for its fire- and  
3 sound-proofing properties; and  
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5           WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the United States implemented a  
6 national ban on the use of asbestos in the construction of  
7 buildings and residences due to health risks associated with the  
8 material; and  
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10           WHEREAS, when asbestos is handled or moved, its microscopic  
11 fragments can be inhaled and become lodged in the lungs and  
12 cause mesothelioma, lung cancer, asbestosis, and other life-  
13 threatening conditions; and  
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15           WHEREAS, despite the known health risks and the  
16 implementation of a national ban, it is believed that asbestos  
17 was used in the construction of single-family residences in  
18 Hawaii until at least the mid-1980s; and  
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20           WHEREAS, although the Department of Health has developed  
21 work practice standards and notification requirements for the  
22 demolition and renovation of facilities, these standards and  
23 requirements do not apply to single-family residences; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the lack of regulation surrounding the demolition  
26 and renovation of single-family residences containing asbestos  
27 leaves families and workers exposed to serious health risks;  
28 now, therefore,  
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# S.C.R. NO. 135

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of  
 3 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Health is  
 4 urged to amend its administrative rules to include single-family  
 5 residences in the department's work practice standards and  
 6 notification requirements for the demolition and renovation of  
 7 facilities containing asbestos; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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