

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND ENCOURAGING COMPANIES TO AVOID POTENTIALLY
3 HARMFUL SUBSTANCES AND SUBSTITUTE SAFER ALTERNATIVES WHENEVER FEASIBLE
4 IN HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIKELY TO BE USED BY PREGNANT
5 WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 WHEREAS, society has an interest in reducing the exposure of pregnant
8 women, children and other vulnerable populations to known toxic substances;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, more than thirty years of environmental health studies have
11 led to a growing consensus that toxic substances are playing a role in the
12 incidence and prevalence of many diseases and disorders; and

13 WHEREAS, increases in cancer, birth defects and difficulty in conceiv-
14 ing and maintaining a pregnancy have all been linked to exposure to toxic
15 substances; and

16 WHEREAS, a fetus is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of toxic sub-
17 stances; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Washington has published a "List of Chemicals of
19 High Concern to Children" and has been transparent in citing the correspond-
20 ing scientific evidence of potential harm behind each component listed; and

21 WHEREAS, these same substances have been found to be present in human
22 blood, human breast milk, indoor air and drinking water and have been added
23 to consumer products used in the home, child care facilities and schools; and

24 WHEREAS, consumers have a right to know the contents of the products
25 they purchase so they can make informed decisions to protect the health of
26 their families; and

27 WHEREAS, some Idaho companies, like Idaho Falls-based Melaleuca, have
28 committed to manufacturing their products using naturally safer substances.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular
30 Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of
31 Representatives concurring therein, that we encourage companies to avoid
32 potentially harmful substances and substitute safer alternatives whenever
33 feasible in household products, especially those likely to be used by preg-
34 nant women and children.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage companies to voluntarily dis-
36 close potentially harmful substances used in household products, thereby
37 empowering consumers to make informed decisions about what they bring into
38 contact with their children and families.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend those Idaho companies voluntar-
40 ily disclosing potentially harmful substances or avoiding them entirely.