

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND ENCOURAGING COMPANIES TO AVOID SUBSTANCES
3 LIKELY TO BE HARMFUL AND SUBSTITUTE SAFER ALTERNATIVES WHENEVER FEASI-
4 BLE IN HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE LIKELY TO BE USED BY PREG-
5 NANT 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, such substances include phthalates, mercury, perfluorinated
19 compounds, bisphenol A and the flame retardant tetrabromobisphenol A; and

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

23 WHEREAS, some Idaho companies are already committed to manufacturing
24 their products using naturally safer substances.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
26 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
27 resentatives concurring therein, that we encourage companies to avoid sub-
28 stances likely to be harmful and substitute safer alternatives whenever fea-
29 sible in household products, especially those likely to be used by pregnant
30 women and children.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend those Idaho companies voluntar-
32 ily disclosing, reducing or avoiding entirely substances likely to be harm-
33 ful.