

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, increases in cancer, birth defects and difficulty in conceiving and maintaining a pregnancy have all been linked to exposure to toxic substances; and

WHEREAS, a fetus is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of toxic substances; and

WHEREAS, such substances include phthalates, mercury, perfluorinated compounds, bisphenol A and the flame retardant tetrabromobisphenol A; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we encourage companies to avoid substances likely to be harmful and substitute safer alternatives whenever feasible in household products, especially those likely to be used by pregnant women and children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend those Idaho companies voluntarily disclosing, reducing or avoiding entirely substances likely to be harmful.