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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM  
TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES TO CONVERT TO  
EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS.

1           WHEREAS, expanded polystyrene foam (commonly known as  
2 styrofoam) is a common petroleum-based product that does not  
3 biodegrade; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Haleiwa town's Plastic Free Haleiwa coalition  
6 provides a tremendous example and excellent model of community  
7 members and business owners working together to reduce and  
8 ultimately eliminate the use of disposable plastics, including  
9 expanded polystyrene foam products, in their community; now,  
10 therefore,  
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12           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
14 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
15 Tourism (DBEDT) is requested to create a voluntary compliance  
16 program to encourage communities and businesses to convert to  
17 alternative products, other than expanded polystyrene foam  
18 products; and  
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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DBEDT is requested to submit a  
21 report containing the contents, actions, and results of the  
22 voluntary compliance program to the Legislature no later than  
23 twenty days before the start of each regular session, and that  
24 the report may include but is not limited to suggestions,  
25 comments, or requests for legislative action; and  
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27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DBEDT is requested to create a  
28 list of alternative products to replace polystyrene foam  
29 products and their cost differences, and to make the information  
30 available to the public. The list of alternative products is to  
31 be categorized as follows:  
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33           (1) Products made in Hawaii;

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(3) Products imported from foreign countries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DBEDT is requested to conduct a comparison study of the recyclability, compostability, and biodegradability of the alternative products, along with the availability of disposal methods for each product, and to submit the results of the study to the Legislature, no later than twenty days before the start of each regular session, including recommendations regarding:

- (1) Which alternative products can be effectively disposed of avoiding the use of landfill facilities;
- (2) The infrastructure requirements of recycling, composting, or biodegrading each of the alternative products; and
- (3) Which products best meet the needs of the State of Hawaii with respect to sustainability, cost effectiveness, and environmental desirability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and the Mayor and Council Chairperson of each county of the State.

