



RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY TO REPORT ON WHAT STEPS IT WILL TAKE TO ADDRESS THE FINDING THAT HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM MAY BE IN THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY.

WHEREAS, residents and visitors on the island of Oahu depend on the clean and pure water from its aquifers; and

WHEREAS, recently, however, the Environmental Working Group (EWG) released a report that the water supply of the island of Oahu contains high levels of hexavalent chromium, also known as chromium-6, a known cancer-causing carcinogen; and

WHEREAS, according to the EWG study, the hexavalent chromium contamination level in Oahu's tap water tested at 2.00 parts per billion, higher than the 0.06 parts per billion some consider to be the safe limit; and

WHEREAS, although the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not currently have a hexavalent chromium standard, it has recently issued guidelines calling for increased monitoring of the substance; and

WHEREAS, the city's board of water supply is aware of the problem and is in the process of developing testing procedures and protocols specific to hexavalent chromium; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Board of Water Supply is urged to review and analyze the EWG study and provide a report to the council of its review no later than 30 days after the adoption of this resolution on what steps it will take to address the finding that hexavalent chromium may be in the city's water supply; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the manager and chief engineer of the Board of Water Supply.

INTRODUCED BY:

Alan Kobayashi

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN 12 2011
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers