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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1896 HD1
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

REPRESENTATIVE MARK M. NAKASHIMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
Hearing Date: 2/28/2024 Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure will impact the priorities identified in the Governor's
2 Executive Budget Request for the Department of Health's (Department) appropriations and
3 personnel priorities.

4 The Department respectfully requests that funding and personnel resources be established
5 to implement this bill.

6 **Department Testimony:** HB1896 HD1 repeals Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Section 321-
7 602 and adds a new section to HRS Section 321 to prohibit the distribution of food packaging,
8 food service ware, cosmetic, and/or personal care products that contain intentionally added per-
9 and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to decrease the public's exposure to these chemicals.

10 The Department recognizes the benefit of prohibiting food packaging, food service ware,
11 cosmetic, or personal care products with intentionally added PFAS to the waste stream, and that
12 prohibiting these products will reduce overall persistent environmental contamination from
13 PFAS. As noted by the Legislature, PFAS are called "forever chemicals" because they do not
14 naturally break down in the environment and can contaminate drinking water, bioaccumulate in
15 fish and wildlife, and can have multiple adverse health effects on humans. PFAS can be found in
16 a diverse range of products including clothing, food packaging, disposable cutlery, shaving
17 creams, and mascara, and can enter the human body when consumed, applied directly on the
18 skin, and/or after eating food that is packaged in materials containing PFAS.

19 The Department supports HB1896 HD1 but notes the challenges to implement this
20 measure due to a lack of resources, particularly the positions, funding, and testing equipment

1 necessary to conduct analysis of potentially violative products and conduct enforcement and
2 outreach activities. To facilitate implementation of this measure, the Department respectfully
3 requests that manufacturers of these products be required to annually submit certification and
4 testing documentation demonstrating compliance, with appropriate deadlines to address the
5 approximate six-month timeline for retailers to sell through backstock.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None

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February 28, 2024

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
and Members
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members:

Subject: House Bill 1896, HD 1: Relating to Environmental Protection

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) strongly supports House Bill (HB) 1896, House Draft (HD) 1. This bill proposes to prohibit the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) beginning December 31, 2026.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), PFAS are a category of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s.¹ PFAS are used in water-repellent, stain resistant, non-stick and many other products. It has also been found in firefighting foams used to extinguish fuel fires, wastewater, and landfills. They are water soluble, persistent and do not easily degrade in the environment. They are also linked to several health effects and can leach and contaminate groundwater aquifers used for drinking water.

This measure will help protect public health by reducing PFAS exposure to our environment, drinking water, and residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1896, HD 1.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer

¹ EPA Finalizes Rule to Require Reporting of PFAS Data to Better Protect Communities from Forever Chemicals. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, September 28, 2023.



SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

February 28, 2024

2:00 AM

Conference Room 329

In **SUPPORT** of **HB1896 HD1**: RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and Committee Members,

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **SUPPORTS HB1896 HD1**, which will help to partially stem the flow of “forever chemicals” into our islands and environment.

As the Committee is well aware, the public health impacts of PFAS or “forever chemicals” are just beginning to be more widely recognized. Unfortunately, Hawai'i is not isolated from the global ubiquitousness of these extremely toxic compounds, and may be far more vulnerable to the consequences of PFAS entering our groundwater, streams, soil, and aquatic habitats. Strategies for effectively remediating existing PFAS contamination – particularly from PFAS found in highly mobile, highly concentrated, and readily ingestible forms, such as Department of Defense class B fire-fighting foams – remain to be developed; however, we do have the opportunity to take the proactive step of preventing the further importation of PFAS, through measures such as the present bill. **Given that PFAS will persist in our environment – bioaccumulating in plants, animals, and people – for centuries, such proactive action is the bare minimum step we can take right now to safeguard the health and well-being of present and future generations – including generations born well after our lifetimes.**

By expanding the classes of PFAS-based products that should be prohibited from sale or distribution, this measure takes a small but important step towards mitigating the impacts of these “forever chemicals” on our environment and people, now and for generations to come.

Accordingly, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i respectfully urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1896 HD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



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February 24, 2024

TO: Chair Nakashima and Members of the CPC Committee

RE: HB 1896 HD1 Relating to Environmental Protection

Support for hearing on February 28

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support this bill as it would prohibit the manufacture, sale, and distribution for use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, with certain exceptions. All the evidence we have seen so far indicates that these forever chemicals are dangerous. We are supporting all measures that move toward the elimination of these poisons.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bickel
President



**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI
PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

Re: HB 1896 HD1 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Good afternoon, Chair Nakashima members of House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii was founded in 1901 and is a statewide, not for profit trade organization committed to supporting the growth and development of the retail industry in Hawaii. Our membership includes small mom & pop stores, large box stores, resellers, luxury retail, department stores, shopping malls, on-line sellers, local, national, and international retailers, chains, and everyone in between.

We respectfully oppose HB 1896 HD1. This measure prohibits the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, with certain exceptions; and is effective 7/1/3000.

We suggest that Hawaii do an independent study on what products contain PFAS and if they are at safe levels that the FDA approves. We may not be aware of how large of an impact the ban of goods and products that will no longer be available in Hawaii that are deemed safe from the FDA.

It is our understanding that the FDA authorizes the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl in not only food contact applications but cosmetics as well.

“The FDA has authorized specific PFAS for use in specific food contact applications. Some PFAS are used in cookware, food packaging, and in food processing for their non-stick and grease, oil, and water-resistant properties. To ensure food contact substances are safe for their intended use, the FDA conducts a rigorous review of scientific data prior to their authorization for market entry. The FDA’s authorization of a food contact substance requires that available data and information demonstrate that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm under the intended conditions of use.” FDA website

There have been few studies on the presence of PFAS in cosmetics. Those studies that have been published found the concentration of certain PFAS in cosmetics—as impurities or as ingredients—ranged from the parts per billion level to the 100s of parts per million range. There is also limited research on whether PFAS in cosmetics are absorbed through the skin at levels that could be harmful to human health. A 2018 by Denmark’s Environmental Protection Agency, the only risk assessment that has evaluated PFAS in cosmetics, was conducted on certain PFAS unintentionally present in cosmetics. The study focused on five different types of PFAS impurities that were detected in the largest number of different cosmetic products. **The researchers determined that the levels of PFAS in the individual products tested are unlikely to pose a health risk for consumers.** <https://www2.mst.dk/Udgiv/publications/2018/10/978-87-93710-94-8.pdf>

We would like to point out that there are thousands of food packaging & service wear as well as cosmetics and personal care products that would be impacted. **This ban would include cardboard boxes, parchment paper, but is also not limited paper product without a lining to protect it from wet or oily foods like paper bags and plates, some ice cream products, microwave popcorn, food wrappers, certain pet food bags to name a few.**

This measure would also ban many cosmetic and personal care products like long wear and waterproof makeup, dental floss, mascara, foundation, menstrual underwear, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, nail polish, eye makeup, lotions, cleansers, shaving cream, lipstick, eyeliner, sunscreens, hand soap, deodorant, shower gel, perfume, hairstyling gel, mouthwash, anti-wrinkle cream, lip balm, and more.

There is currently no federal law explicitly banning PFAS in food packaging intended for consumer use. By banning these products that the FDA deems safe, the choices that consumers in Hawaii have will shrink considerably. Many products will no longer be available to purchase to Hawaii's consumers. Small local retailers who do not have mainland locations will be forced to take a loss on the products if they must sell them at a deep discount or discard them to make the deadline. Businesses with contracts may have to pay an early cancellation fine to the distributors. Local consumers would then turn to the internet to order their favorite banned products online. Or find a way for a friend or family member to purchase them from military facilities where there are no taxes charged. Or purchase it through the illegal black market where personal care products and cosmetics are one of the sought-after items to steal by retail organized crime.

We ask you to hold this bill. Mahalo again for this opportunity to testify.



Testimony of
Consumer Brands Association
Before the House Committee on
Consumer Protection and Commerce
With Concerns on HB 1896

February 26, 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding H.B. 1896. The Consumer Brands Association is supportive of the intention of this legislation and is willing to work with the sponsor to seek improvements. We are currently providing comments as “with concerns” on HB 1896.

The Consumer Brands Association represents the makers of America’s household products consumers enjoy and depend on every day. The consumer products industry plays a unique role as the single largest U.S. manufacturing employment sector, and just in the State of Hawaii, the industry contributes \$6.3 billion to the state’s GDP and supports more than 80,000 jobs.

Consumer Brands members are generally supportive of the intention of this legislation and have been actively undertaking efforts to eliminate PFAS from products and packaging. We also note one positive change from last year’s bill, specifically a narrowing of focus on PFAS that are within the control of the manufacturer, and a shift away from “unintentional PFAS” that may be present in trace amounts due its ubiquity in the environment.

We do however note two ongoing concerns with HB 1896:

- **HB 1896 includes “PFAS chemicals that are intentional breakdown products of an added chemical” as part of the definition of “intentionally-added”.** While we support the scope of the bill focusing on “intentionally-added,” we believe this additional language is vague, and we are unclear of its intentions. It is also inconsistent with most other state approaches to addressing intentionally-added PFAS. Our concern is that this provision could potentially cover degradation of packaging once it is out of the manufacturers’ control. Specifically, PFAS in packaging can occasionally arise when certain packaging additives interact with environmental elements including oxygen. Since these end-of-life scenarios are typically out of the control of the brands and are not intentional, we have concerns about being held to a standard that would be nearly impossible to meet.



- **HB 1896 also lacks a definition of “food packaging.”** Due to a lack of definition, we are unable to determine the full range of packaging/products that would be within the scope of the bill. We appreciate the opportunity to present our concerns with HB 1896. Thank you for your time and consideration, and please let us know if we can answer any additional questions going forward.

Sincerely,

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Brendan Flanagan
Vice President, State Affairs
Consumer Brands Association

HB-1896-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2024 6:13:32 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/28/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama and members of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee!

Certain PFAS "forever chemicals" (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are very persistent and very toxic to human health, even at very low levels (even in parts per trillion). **To protect public health, we need to stop manufacturing or selling products containing such PFAS now, wherever feasible. The Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition STRONGLY SUPPORTS efforts to eliminate such PFAS from food packaging, food service ware, cosmetics, and personal care products, especially where "intentionally added."** Please pass strong legislation to restrict the sale or distribution of food packaging, food service ware, cosmetics, and personal care products containing PFAS that harm human health.

Mahalo!

Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition (by Ted Bohlen)

HB-1896-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2024 9:56:10 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/28/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Helen Cox	Kaua`i Climate Action Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Kakou,

I am writing on behalf of Kaua`i Climate Action Coalition, a group of over 150 Kaua`i residents who engage in education, direct action, and supporting legislation to address the climate crisis we are already feeling and which threatens the future of our children. We urge you to pass HB1896 HD1. Mahalo!

Helen Cox, Chair

Kaua`i Climate Coalition



Food+ Policy Internship 2024

food@purplemaia.org

February 28, 2024

Subject: *HB1896, Relating to Environmental Protection*

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

We, Hawai'i Food+ Policy, are writing **IN SUPPORT** of HB1896, which would further align with Act 152 and extend the ban on distributing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances in the state. It would prohibit making, selling, offering for sale, and distributing any products including food packaging, food service ware, cosmetics, or personal care items that intentionally contain these chemicals.

PFAS are commonly found in non-stick cookware, food packaging, and stain-resistant fabrics, and have been extensively studied for their adverse health impacts. These "forever chemicals" pose a significant risk as they exist in the environment indefinitely and additionally accumulate in the human body over time via ingestion, inhalation, and skin contact.

A primary concern is its association with cancer as it has linked exposure to PFAS chemicals to various types of cancer such as kidney, testicular, prostate, and ovarian cancers. These chemicals have also been found to disrupt hormone regulation and lead to reproductive issues and developmental problems. Furthermore, PFAS compromises the immune system, making individuals more susceptible to infections and diseases.

Concerning food ware, the risks are particularly concerning. PFAS can leach from food containers and packaging into the food itself, therefore these toxic compounds end up being consumed by humans. High levels of PFAS have been detected in the blood of people worldwide, indicating widespread exposure and the need for regulatory action.

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The call for stricter regulations and bans on PFAS is therefore not only prudent but essential for public health and environmental protection. Therefore, we ask that we must prioritize the removal of PFAS from consumer products, By taking these steps, we can mitigate the health risks associated with PFAS exposure in both current and future generations.

Mahalo for your time and attention on this matter,

Kawika Kahiapo + Hawaii Food+ Policy Team

#fixourfoodsystem

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Vice President, State Affairs
Consumer Brands Association

HB-1896-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:41:53 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/28/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Kidd	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure, our use of plastics and other petroleum based items needs to be reduced to zero asap.

HB-1896-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2024 6:58:32 PM

Testimony for CPC on 2/28/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We absorb chemicals through our skin. These chemicals are toxic. This is a common sense bill. Please support it. Mahalo.

HB-1896-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2024 3:49:34 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/28/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joe DiNardo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In Strong Support of HB1986 HD1 – Legislature to Ban PFAS Chemicals in Food packaging, food service ware, cosmetics, personal care products – February 25, 2024

Hi, my name is Joe DiNardo. I have been a toxicologist since 1976 and I have worked with Hawaii on sunscreen issues since 2017. It is essential that all products that use one or more PFAS chemicals in food packaging, food service ware, cosmetics, and personal care products be banned from sale in Hawaii.

In addition, I would respectfully request that the Bill be broadened to include any product that contains a PFAS regardless of “intentional” or “unintentional” use to any product type; if for no other reason than to hold a company accountable for what is in its supply chain and what it is exposing people/environment to notwithstanding how the chemicals got in the product. If a PFAS is present, regardless of how it got there it will produce toxicity:

- Some PFAS chemicals can last in the soil/water for up to 184 years, they can stay bound to human blood for up to 70 years and can stay in the air for almost 9 months and travel over 25 miles atmospherically.
- The FDA and EPA are tragically behind in protecting US citizens from PFAS pollution – the FDA denies any potential harm to humans from food stuffs and claims that the food supply is not contaminated – despite numerous publications that clearly demonstrated that PFAS have become a part of our food chain.
- The EPA is proposing a 4 parts per trillion (ppt) Maximum Contamination Level (MCL) for just drinking water for two PFAS chemicals PFOA and PFOS. The dose that causes kidney cancer IN HUMANS is 0.007 ppt for PFOA and 1 ppt is the cancer causing dose for PFOS in animals. That is approximately 400 TIMES higher than the cancer dose that is KNOWN to produce human cancers and 4 times the levels that causes cancer in animals. In toxicology setting a dose this high above the carcinogenic levels would “normally” be considered “counterintuitive”; simply because you cannot set a dose that is higher than the known cancer dose and expect it to protect the population!
- The National Academies of Science (NAS) committee found “SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE of an association for the following diseases and health outcomes: decreased antibody response (in adults and children), dyslipidemia (in adults and children), decreased infant and fetal growth, and increased risk of KIDNEY CANCER (in adults). AND found LIMITED OR SUGGESTIVE EVIDENCE of increased risk of BREAST CANCER (in adults), liver enzyme alterations (in adults and children), increased risk of

pregnancy-induced hypertension (gestational hypertension and preeclampsia), increased risk of TESTICULAR CANCER (in adults), thyroid disease and dysfunction (in adults), and increased risk of ulcerative colitis (in adults).”

- What further promotes the urgency of this Bill is that “PFAS as a class have a wide variety of distinct chemical properties and toxicities; for example, some PFAS can bioaccumulate and persist in the human body and the environment, while others transform relatively quickly. The PFAS that do transform, however, will become one or more other PFAS because the carbon–fluorine bond they contain does not break naturally. It is for this reason that PFAS are termed “FOREVER CHEMICALS.” (NAS definition of PFAS 2022 update)
- FYI ... Maui, when last checked in 2022 had approximately 1,600,000 ppt of PFOS in the ground water at Kahului Airport ... that is 1.6 MILLION times above the dose that causes cancers in animals? The further use of PFAS in foods and consumer products will only add to these absurd levels and continue to put Hawaiian citizens at significant health risks. Exposure to these chemicals must be eliminated from as many sources as possible.

Please support HB 1986 HD1 ... Most Sincerely, Joe DiNardo (chemicalsrtoxic@gmail.com)

HB-1896-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2024 7:15:00 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/28/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia Punihaole Kennedy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee

I strongly support HB 1896, which bans the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for the use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and poly-fluoroalkyl substances with certain exceptions. **Please add to ...contains intentionally... the words " and unintentionally"** to the bill. This is a very important bill to protect our consumers.

Please support and pass HB 1896 for our environment and children's good.

Mahalo

Cynthia Punihaole Kennedy

Kalaoa Kona Hawaii Island.

HB-1896-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2024 9:17:46 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/28/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please pass this important measure to prohibit the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, but **with the requested amendment.**

According to findings from studies on this subject, **limiting bans on PFAS to products in which PFAS are intentionally used will not be sufficient to achieve the protections needed.** For example, fluorination of plastic surfaces generates PFAS that are likely to leach into the packaging content, **but these PFAS are not intentionally used.**

Oahu is already suffering from the contamination of these forever-chemicals due to the Navy's criminal negligence at Red Hill. Hawaii cannot afford to further risk contamination of our finite resources and risk the health of our communities. **Please remove the word 'intentional' so that this bill may offer the critical protection that was intended.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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HB-1896-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2024 9:06:38 AM

Testimony for CPC on 2/28/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith Neal	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the CPC

I support HB1896 HD1

PFAS are known to be toxic and persistent in the environment. Consistent with the stewardship embodied in the state motto, PFAS must be rapidly phased out and banned.

Mahalo,

Keith Neal

Waimea