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Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

To: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Re: **SCR 57 / SR 52 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ENDORSE THE NEW PLASTICS ECONOMY GLOBAL COMMITMENT AND THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO SET TARGETS TO FULFILL THE NEW PLASTICS ECONOMY GLOBAL COMMITMENT**

Hearing: Monday, March 28, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 224 and via Videoconference

Position: **Strong Support**

Aloha, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i stands in strong support of SCR 57 / SR 52. These Resolutions would request the Governor to endorse the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment and the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to set targets to fulfill the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment.

The New Plastics Economy Global Commitment aims to reduce reliance on single-use plastic products and limit the production of plastic waste by: (1) eliminating unnecessary plastic packaging and products; (2) encouraging reuse; (3) incentivizing reusable, recyclable, and compostable packaging; (4) increasing collection and sorting of waste; (5) stimulating demand for recycled plastics; and (6) supporting social and behavioral change.

These resolutions request the Governor to endorse the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the United Nations Environment Programme's New Plastic Economy Global Commitment and further request the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop and publish meaningful targets to achieve these goals which are sorely needed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Sherry Pollack	Testifying for 350Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

350Hawaii supports this resolution that would have the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development develop and publish meaningful targets to achieve the goals of the New Plastics Economy Global Commitment and to implement policies in pursuit of those targets. By reducing plastic waste, we are reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate breakdown. These efforts are part of the important actions we need to take to achieve a livable future.