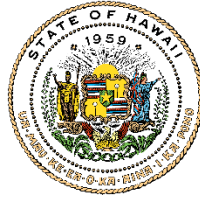
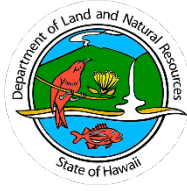


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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committees on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
and
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 85, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

House Bill 85, House Draft 1 proposes to prohibit lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic containers within sleeping room accommodations, any space within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the public or guests and establishes civil penalties. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department recognizes the deleterious impacts of plastic debris on wildlife and their habitats as a critical natural resource issue throughout the State. Plastic in the environment degrades both land and ocean-based habitat and impacts wildlife (aquatic and terrestrial) through ingestion, entanglement, smothering, and transport of invasive species. In addition, each step involved in the manufacturing, distribution, and ultimate disposal of single-use plastic products (e.g., bottles and containers) produces greenhouse gas emissions and will increase the current impacts of climate change on our aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

Hawai'i already has some of the highest reported debris accumulation rates in the United States. This measure would help reduce the plastic debris load entering the environment and will contribute to the improved health of our wildlife and their habitats. While the majority of marine debris may arrive from the ocean, it is our responsibility as a State to reduce the amount of plastic debris entering our ocean and the environment from local sources. This measure would help reduce the amount of plastic debris load entering Hawai'i's cultural sites, forests, waters and coastlines, and contribute to the improved health of our wildlife and their habitats.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

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**Testimony of
Leah Laramee
Coordinator, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission**

**Before the Senate Committees on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
AND
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

**Thursday March 15, 2023
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 224**

**In support of
House Bill 85 House Draft 1
RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**

House Bill 85 HD1 prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic containers within sleeping room accommodations, any space within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the public or guests and establishes civil penalties. **The Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission (Commission) supports this measure.**

Much of the plastic waste that is disposed of in landfills results in the release of both methane and carbon dioxide. In 2008, 20 million metric tons of CO₂ equivalent were released from the disposal of solid waste on land.ⁱ Materials consumption contributes directly to climate change because it requires energy to mine, extract, harvest, process and transport raw materials; more energy to manufacture, transport and dispose of waste products. Landfills are the top human-caused source of methane and the incineration of waste produces carbon dioxide as a by-product. Those items that can be recycled often are not and best way to reduce emission from products is to eliminate packaging waste as much as possible. EPA estimates cutting the amount of waste generated by j5 percent could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10.2 million metric tons.ⁱⁱ Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

ⁱ Gregory, J (2010). Climate Change and Waste-The Missing Link <http://www.ccilap.org/pdf/EPR>

ⁱⁱ [Climate Change and Municipal Solid Waste Fact Sheet | Pay-As-You-Throw | US EPA](#)



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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB0085 HD1
RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
SENATOR LYNN DECOITE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
Hearing Date: 3/15/2023 Room Number: 224

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 requests that one enforcement position be established and funded
5 annually to implement this proposal.

6 **Department Testimony:** HB0085 HD1 prohibits lodging establishments from providing
7 personal care products in small single-use plastic containers to guests and visitors and establishes
8 civil penalties for violations identified by the Department on inspection.

9 The Department is supportive of measures to reduce the amount of single-use plastic
10 containers distributed in the State that reduces the amount of plastic waste that is incinerated or
11 disposed in State landfills. However, the Department currently does not have the staff and
12 funding available to effectively implement the inspection and enforcement component of this
13 bill. HB0085 HD1 will be administered by the Department's Office of Solid Waste Management
14 (OSWM). There are four general-funded positions assigned to OSWM: two planners, one
15 recycling coordinator, and one solid waste management coordinator. All four positions are
16 currently filled and none are classified as inspection or enforcement positions.

17 The Department respectfully requests funding and the establishment of one new position
18 in OSWM to receive complaints and conduct follow-up inspections of lodging establishments

1 identified as distributing personal care products in small single-use plastic containers in violation
2 of HB0085 HD1. In addition to conducting inspection and enforcement actions, dispensing
3 citations, and coordinating with the Office of the Attorney General to pursue civil penalties, this
4 position would also be tasked with providing education and outreach to the regulated
5 community.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None.



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Statement of
JOHN DE FRIES
Hawai'i Tourism Authority
before the
**COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL NO. 85 HD1
RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and DeCoite, Vice Chairs Richards and Wakai, and members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in support of the intent of HB85 HD1, which prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in single-use plastic bottles.

We agree with the intent of this legislation as it is in alignment with our Strategic Plan priorities in the Natural Resources pillar, as well as action items in our community-generated Destination Management Action Plans.

Additionally, we are aware of and would like to take this opportunity to recognize lodging establishments already working to eliminate the use of single-use plastic bottles for their amenities.

We support the intent of HB85 HD1, stand ready to assist in educating visitor industry stakeholders and visitors, and defer to our colleagues at the Department of Health on matters related to the implementation of this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.



Maui Hotel & Lodging
ASSOCIATION

Testimony of
Lisa H. Paulson
Executive Director
Maui Hotel & Lodging Association

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

House Bill 85 HD1: Relating to Single-Use Plastics

March 15, 2023, 1:00 pm
Conference Room 224

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is the legislative arm of the visitor industry for Maui County. We represent over 180 property and allied business members and 22,000 employees. **MHLA supports House Bill 85 HD1**, which prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic containers within sleeping room accommodations, any space within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the public or guests.

Many of our properties are already moving toward eliminating small plastic bottles for their amenities. Due to the current supply chain issues, it may take even more time than allotted for the necessary hardware and product to be widely available. We request the initial implementation date be moved to 2026.

Additionally, we ask the committees to consider funding to support local small businesses in assisting these accommodations with their transition from small plastic bottles to dispenser-size containers of their products.

For the reasons stated above, **MHLA supports House Bill 85 HD1**.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2023 7:52:31 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Colehour Bondera	Testifying for Kanalani Ohana Farm	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Committee Members:

As a long-time organic farmer and someone who has tried to include environmental costs in every decision and action, it is my sincere belief that Hawaii can and should be protecting the 'aina, and to do so we must recognize the drawbacks of using plastic.

Please support eliminating the short-benefit of using plastics a single time when they are not even necessary in things such as visitor stays.

Please support less reliance on plastics and taking care of our home.

Sincerely,

Colehour Bondera

KANALANI OHANA FARM

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3/15/2023

AEN/EET Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chairs Gabbard and DeCoite, Vice Chairs Richards and Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committees on Agriculture and the Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

Position: Support HB85 HD1.

The Surfrider Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves, and beaches. Surfrider Foundation maintains a network of over 150 chapters and academic clubs nationwide, including 4 chapters in the Hawaiian Islands. The Surfrider Foundation focuses on many aspects of the environment such as coastal protection, plastic pollution, and water quality.

As an organization that has strongly championed efforts in Hawaii to reduce single-use plastics, Surfrider Foundation strongly supports HB85 HD1. Shockingly, over 91% of plastics are not recycled. The hospitality industry in Hawaii generates millions of single-use plastic personal care products each year, with the majority ending up in our local landfills or being burned at H-Power. For example, a single 200-room four-star hotel can use about [300,000 pieces of single-use plastic in a month](#) if it is at full-capacity and does not invest in any eco-friendly alternatives.

In early 2021, New York state banned single-use plastic containers of soap, shampoo and other toiletries provided by hotels by 2024. Per the New York law, hotels will have to make the switch to refillable dispensers and environmentally-friendly containers for all body and hair care products. Smaller businesses with under 50 rooms are given an extra year to get ready for the change. California passed a similar law in 2019. The New York bill notably had the backing of the hospitality industry.

Multinational hotel chains like Marriott International are already making the switch, after the company conceded that it sends [500 million toiletries](#) to landfill every year. Pump dispensers can now be found at over 1,000 of its hotels, a seventh of their worldwide portfolio. However, laws such as HB85 HD1 are necessary to ensure that the hotel industry at large commits to reducing its single-use plastic footprint.

HB85 HD1 represents an important step towards eliminating unnecessary single-use plastics and improving the sustainability of the hospitality industry in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in support of HB85 HD1, submitted on the behalf of the Surfrider Foundation's 4 Chapters in Hawaii and all of our members who live in the state and visit to enjoy the many coastal recreational opportunities offered by all of the islands' coastlines.

Sincerely,

Camile Cleveland
Volunteer Policy Coordinator
Surfrider Foundation, O'ahu Chapter

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 8:12:16 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Helen Cox	Testifying for Kauai Climate Action Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Committee Chairs and Members,

I am writing on behalf of Kauai Climate Action Coalition (KCAC), a group of approximately 150 Kauai residents committed to addressing the climate crisis we face through education, policy, and direct action. KCAC supports HB85 HD1 because it will prohibit lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic containers within any space within sleeping room accommodations or bathrooms used by the public or guests. This move is necessary in order to reduce unnecessary production of plastic products which contribute to emissions, while also reducing the waste created by these products. We all are aware of the huge amounts of plastic we find on our beaches and elsewhere. We are also know that plastic does not breakdown quickly or easily our landfills or in our environment. Please support HB85 HD1. Mahalo!

Helen Cox, Chair, Kauai Climate Action Coalition

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 9:47:58 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ruta Jordans	Testifying for Kauai Climate Action Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Kauai Climate Action Coalition (KCAC) asks legislators to support HB85 to rid Hawaii of this large and unnecessary source of plastic pollution. New York and California have already passed such a bill, but it is even more necessary for Hawaii. As a series of small islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean Hawaii can not easily rid itself of used plastic, nor can it find ways to reuse it without causing industrial air and water pollution.

Landfilled plastic (which all contains Carbon, whether it is from petroleum or plant based), as an organic material, emits methane, and, depending on the materials meant to make it more rigid or flexible or colorful, ect., also emits toxins. The best way to dispose of plastic which can not be safely (meaning without melting it) recycled or disposed of, is to bury it as deep as possible while keeping emissions contained, in order to sequester the Carbon and keep toxins out of the air we breathe and out of the earth's atmosphere.

One of the KCAC members recently was able to experience the difference in convenience between using cleaning products in hotel rooms in multiple small plastic containers and in bulk containers. The hotels were from the same company, one in the District of Columbia, the other in North Carolina. Where the D.C. hotel ended up with a full trash container, the N.C. hotel's trash container was empty. In addition, the consumer was able to use exactly the amount needed, without having to dispose of multiple small plastic containers still containing the remaining unused product.

That experience also showed that the bill could use an amendment adding body lotion to the products included in the bill. Both hotels provided body lotion as well as body wash (soap) and shampoo. Perhaps a generic body care and cleaning description would be better than listing specific products?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide supporting testimony on this important bill!



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
ASSOCIATION

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Testimony of
Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment
Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, & Tourism
House Bill 85, HD1
March 15, 2023

Chair Gabbard, Chair DeCoite, and members of the Committees, mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, the state's oldest and largest private sector visitor industry organization.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association—nearly 700 members strong, representing more than 50,000 hotel rooms and nearly 40,000 lodging workers—represents an industry that has led the way on sustainability and environmental efforts. Tourism businesses of all types have opted to adopt green practices, update their infrastructure, and set new, sustainable policies. This has been done of their own volition and will continue to be the norm as we move forward.

As a principle, we are not in support of mandates or government inserting itself into the operations of private business. However, we do support the intent of this measure and share this position with numerous resorts—many of whom have already started to shift away from single-use plastic bottles.

Additionally, while we appreciate the measure's language that sets start dates in 2025 and 2027, we would ask the Committees' consideration in providing more time for these policies to be implemented.

HLTA supports House Bill 85, HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT and ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 224
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
To The Honorable Senator Lynn DeCoite, Chair
The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

SUPPORT HB85 HD1 RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS HB85 HD1** which prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic containers within sleeping room accommodations, any space within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the public or guests.

The Chamber is excited that more hotels are supporting this measure. We ask that you continue to collaborate with the industry to get this done as it is an important measure that we all want to see achieved. When this came up before, we understood the industry needed more time, but see they are willing to work with the state to achieve this goal.

The Chamber notes that, according to the Hawai'i Tourism Association, lodging establishments are already making strides on using single-use plastic bottles for their amenities. Tourism businesses of all types have opted to adopt green practices, update their infrastructure, and set new, sustainable policies. This was all done of their own volition and will continue to be the norm as the state moves toward a greener environment.

For these reasons, we **SUPPORT HB85 HD1**.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.



March 14, 2023

To: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair, Committee on Agriculture & Environment
Members, Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment
The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Chair, Committee on Energy, Economic Development
& Tourism
Members, Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development & Tourism

From: Kris Quigley, Regional Director, State Government Affairs
Plastics Industry Association

Re: HB 85 – OPPOSE – Scheduled for Hearing March 15, 2023

We respectfully write to express our opposition to House Bill 85 – relative to single use plastics. The Plastics Industry Association (PLASTICS) represents the entire supply chain of manufacturers of all plastic products. We are firmly committed to manufacturing products that meet the environment, social, and business needs of consumers.

Plastic is the popular choice to meet consumer demands and there is a reason for this; the material can do things other material cannot. It's efficient for manufacturers to produce and cost-effective for business to incorporate into their operations; and it is environmentally friendly to produce in terms of water/energy usage, greenhouse gas emissions and transportation costs and efficiencies.

Unfortunately, cities, counties, and states across the country are considering policy proposals to target marine debris concerns and plastics that are improperly disposed of that end up in landfills. Some of these proposals include product bans and material deselection which unfortunately are misguided and fail to address the mismanagement of discarding products.

Before banning plastic products, PLASTICS advocates for consumer education about proper disposal practices; reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering plastics. As your committee works to address litter and waste problems, we stand by to provide instruction on the role our products play in society and how to best arrive at a solution that makes environmental and business sense. If you have questions please to not hesitate to contact me at kquigley@plasticsindustry.org.

Respectfully,

Kris Quigley
Regional Director, State Government Affairs
Plastics Industry Association

HB85 Is An Excellent Bill That Needs Sooner Enactment and DoD Participation

If passed, HB85 HD1 (Relating to Single-Use Plastic Containers) will be a very welcome and much needed measure. That is true even though it is way past due, and it addresses an infinitesimal portion of the appalling consequences being inflicted by single use plastics made from fossil fuel-based petrochemicals.

Section 1 of the bill starkly provides an impressive snapshot of those consequences:

Globally, around three hundred million tons of plastic are produced each year, even though less than ten per cent of plastics ever produced have been recycled. Instead, discarded plastics wind up in landfills, incinerators (by the way, burning plastics emits CO₂ and toxins like mercury, ammonia and dioxins; and produces toxic ash that gets landfilled), and the environment, ultimately breaking apart into tiny toxic pieces called microplastics that contaminate our water, food, and even the air. Plastic pollution is a major threat to the ocean, the environment, and human health. Furthermore, according to a 2021 report from Beyond Plastics, the plastic industry is on track to overtake coal as a source of atmospheric greenhouse gas emissions.

Despite the hard truths Section 1 spotlights, it nevertheless pulls its punch by not completing the picture. Section 1 doesn't state that if less than 10% of 300 million tons produced each year are recycled (actually, virtually no plastic is truly recycled, but I'll leave that alone for another time), then each and every year more than 270 million tons of plastic end up polluting and contaminating our land, water, food, and air; sickening, maiming and killing untold millions of living organisms from plankton to whales, and from insects and pollinators to humans.

With just those horrifying numbers and consequences now in plain view, isn't it grossly irresponsible to unnecessarily delay implementation of this bill?

Hawaii has a real opportunity here to be a leader in fighting plastics pollution, by passing this bill and speeding up its enactment – make it effective NLT July 1, 2024 for lodging establishments with more than fifty sleeping room accommodations; and July 1, 2025 for lodging establishments with fifty or fewer sleeping room accommodations. Doing that will divert a lot of plastic from the waste stream.

Another problem with this bill is that it leaves a gigantic hole that allows Hawaii-located major producers of plastic pollution to continue on unabated and unaccountable: the United States Department of Defense (DoD).

It is high time for Hawaii to demand that the DoD respect this state's air, land and waters, and the laws enacted to protect them, and its residents, wildlife, marine life and fauna. The DoD completely disregards laws and regulations that virtually all other organizations, federal and civilian, adhere to, at least in part:

- Nowhere but on military installations are plastic grocery bags dispensed by the hundreds and thousands every day to shoppers at exchanges and commissaries, despite them being banned by all the Hawaii counties since 2015.
- Throughout Oahu since January 2022, it is only on military installations that stores, commissaries and restaurants continue to dispense plasticware, plastic straws, and foam plates, cups and containers with impunity.

It is obvious that DoD lodging establishments in Hawaii will also be exempted from having to follow this bill when it's passed.

Yes, I well understand that military installations are on federal land, and therefore not required to abide by many state laws. That does not mean Hawaii may not work on convincing leaders at DoD installations to cooperate with the state in decreasing reliance on single use plastics. If cooperation can't be coaxed out of the DoD, then shame the DoD by highlighting its intransigence and the volume of plastics it is dumping on our state!

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HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2023 9:42:40 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2023 2:19:27 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Virginia Tincher	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Members of the EET and AEN Committees,

I support HB85 HD1 to Prohibit lodging establishments from providing personal care products in small plastic containers within sleeping room accommodations, any space within sleeping room accommodations, or bathrooms used by the public or guests.

Every effort to reduce single use plastic is important especially in Hawaii, an influential location in the Tourism Industry. If Hawaii sends the message that we are reducing single use plastics we will be in the company of other vacation destinations doing the same and hopefully encourage other destinations to do the same.

I have seen informative cards in hotel rooms about the hotels actions to reduce the use of water and reducing the use of plastic could be added.

When I see the large containers in a hotel room I am thankful. I take any opened small containers to finish using them so at least the contents are not wasted. I recycle if possible.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Virginia Tincher, Oahu

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 12:14:46 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Matthew Geyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support HB85. This bill is good step towards reducing our dependence on single-use plastics, protecting our environment, and promoting sustainability in Hawaii.

Single-use plastics have become a pervasive and destructive presence in our environment, causing pollution and harm to our oceans, wildlife, and public health. We have a responsibility to act quickly and decisively to address this issue and protect our natural resources for future generations.

I urge you to support this important bill and take any actions you can to address the impact of single-use plastics on Hawaii's environment and public health.

Thank you for hearing this measure.

Matthew Geyer

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 12:14:53 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Plastics have become overwhelming and this is an easy small fix to reduce them.

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 6:09:01 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madison Masek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB85 and the reduction of mass produced single use plastics. This is one less way for our tourist industry to negatively affect the ecosystem

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2023 10:14:30 PM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Diez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Dan Diez and I am testifying in adamant support of HB85. The ongoing use of single use plastics are not only damaging to the environment but also short sighted and archaic. The damages of litter from single use plastics we see to both in nature and in our neighborhoods are ever increasing and require substancial resources to counteract. Approving this ban would take a step to reduce harm to our oceans, rivers, wildlife and natural resources while also providing opportunity for local entrepreneurship to create sustainable alternatives. For this reason I believe we should move forward with this ban.

Mahalo,

Dan

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 5:53:27 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Caroline Azelski	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In strong support of HD1. Thank you.

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 8:32:49 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth Benyshek	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB85 HD1, which would ban single-use plastic toiletry bottles in visitor accommodations. The amount of plastic that washes up on our beaches is outrageous and reducing our usage is an easy and accesible step towards the fight against plastic. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Elizabeth Benyshek

Chair, Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter

HB-85-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/14/2023 10:53:59 AM

Testimony for EET on 3/15/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Charlotte Frank	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Charlotte Frank, and I am writing to testify in support of HB85, which would prohibit hotels from distributing single-use disposable plastic toiletry bottles. As a resident of Oahu, I have seen first hand the impact plastics have on our environments, natural resources and our economy. The carbon footprint left by the thousands of tourists and visitors the islands see each year is massive. To reduce this impact, to prevent more pollution and to shift away from our "throw-away" culture, it is imperative that Hawaii paves the way on bills that support reducing plastic pollution, like HB85.

Please support and pass this bill.

Thank you.

HB-85-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The people of Hawaii are tired of all the BULL SHIT and the ripping off of our Tax payer Moneys. This is all just another Scam by the Enviromet Scam People. KICK THESE PEOPLE OUT OF HAWAIL. Lets Make Laws to keep things like this Form Happening in Hawaii. Your JOB is to WORK for the People NOT FOR YOUR OWN POCKETS. If you are just thing about how Much your Cut is GET OUT NOW!!!!!!