
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC GOODS AND PLASTIC BAGS AND TO SET A SUSTAINABILITY EXAMPLE BY ELIMINATING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC TABLEWARE AT STATE DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the impact of the world's waste stream is
2 unsustainable and detrimental to the future of Hawaii's
3 environment and people; and

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5 WHEREAS, plastic goods and other carbon-based products
6 contribute to the environmental degradation of Hawai'i; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State is obligated to act in the best interest
9 of the residents' health and welfare; and

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11 WHEREAS, the reduction of the amount of plastic waste
12 directly improves the carbon-based waste stream of the State;
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15 WHEREAS, Maui County and Hawaii County have already started
16 reducing the amount of plastic waste in the State by banning
17 polystyrene containers; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council recently passed a bill
20 banning most single-use plastic goods and bags; and

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22 WHEREAS, the State is committed to significantly reduce its
23 waste production and eliminate carbon-based single-use plastics
24 by 2030; and

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26 WHEREAS, the attendees of the 26th Annual Children and
27 Youth Summit voted that the reduction of single-use plastic in
28 the State is a priority concern that needs to be addressed; now,
29 therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of
33 2020, that the State is urged to ban the use of single-use
34 plastic goods and plastic bags according to the same standards



1 set forth in Bill 40, as passed by the Honolulu City Council in
2 2019; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State is urged to set a
5 sustainability example by eliminating the use of single-use
6 plastic tableware at all state department meetings and
7 functions; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Comptroller;
11 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Attorney General;
12 Director of Finance; Director of Business, Economic Development,
13 and Tourism; Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Adjutant
14 General; Superintendent of Education; Chairperson of the
15 Hawaiian Homes Commission; Director of Human Resources
16 Development; Director of Human Services; Director of Labor and
17 Industrial Relations; Chairperson of the Board of Land and
18 Natural Resources; Director of Public Safety; Director of
19 Taxation; and Director of Transportation.

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