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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AND CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO
ADOPT ORDINANCES BANNING THE SALE, RENTAL, AND DISTRIBUTION
OF DISPOSABLE BODYBOARDS.

1 WHEREAS, disposable bodyboards are often comprised of
2 polystyrene, also known as Styrofoam, which once broken during
3 use or discarded, can quickly disintegrate, leaving behind
4 plastic foam that can pollute the State's reefs, shoreline, and
5 marine ecosystems; and

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7 WHEREAS, in 2022, Maui County adopted an ordinance banning
8 the sale, rental, and distribution of polystyrene bodyboards to
9 limit the number of bodyboards discarded on beaches after only
10 being used a few times; and

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12 WHEREAS, recently, the Kauai County Council also
13 unanimously adopted an ordinance banning the sale, rental, and
14 distribution of these disposable polystyrene foam bodyboards to
15 reflect their commitment to maintaining Kauai's unique marine
16 environment; and

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18 WHEREAS, disposable bodyboard bans across all counties of
19 the State would more comprehensively help reduce waste, support
20 responsible tourism, and promote a smaller environmental
21 footprint; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
25 that the County of Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu are
26 urged to adopt ordinances banning the sale, rental, and
27 distribution of disposable bodyboards; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Council Chairperson and Mayor



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1 of the County of Hawaii and Council Chairperson and Mayor of the
2 City and County of Honolulu.
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