

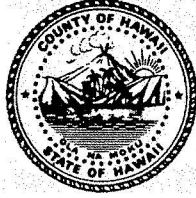
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January 26, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

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Rep. Mele Carroll, Vice Chair, Rep. Ken Ito, Rep. Roland D. Sagum, III

Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Rep. Scott K. Saiki

Rep. Michael Y. Magaoay, Rep. Cynthia Thielen

DATE: Tuesday, January 29, 2008, TIME: 8:30 am

Regarding Testimony in favor of:

HB 2495

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE.

Prohibits the use of polystyrene foam as a
disposable food service-ware product.

Aloha Chair Morita and Members,

I want to express my support for HB 2495. Because polystyrene is not recyclable we need to reduce its presence on our islands as much as possible. It does present many problems for sea creatures in our state and takes up a lot of space in landfills. Let us make it easy for all of us to do the right thing. Please give this bill favorable consideration. I believe that the food vendors will embrace this program once it is mandatory. They do have other biodegradable options that are cost competitive with polystyrene.

Mahalo!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Jacobson".

Janice Lehner

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The *Windward Ahupua`a Alliance* supports **HB 2495** because it will help reduce the impacts of jamming the landfills with one type of solid waste - polystyrene food service packaging - which will take decades to decompose. Burning the material in *H-Power* facilities is not the best way to handle it because the residual ash needs to be disposed off properly and, besides, no one wants to have a landfill in the neighborhood.

We also must remember that *H-Power* at best only burns about 70% of our solid waste. The rest sits in a landfill along with the ash.

We need to **REDUCE** as well as **RE-USE, RECYCLE** and **RECLAIM**.

In the United States, Hawai`i has the highest number of individuals and households who eat their meals away from home. I know that in the Wood household, at least 12 out of 21 meals a week times two people are prepared outside the home - and I don't think we're that we're that much different from other families. I suspect that if a count were made at this hearing, almost every single person present eats at least one take-out meal a day and many probably two.

Granted, the corn-based products on the market currently do cost more; however, passing along the additional costs to the purchaser which would come to about 22 cents per order would be far less expensive than the costs of building additional landfills to hold what cannot be burned at *H-Power* or the significant \$\$\$ and environmental costs to ship our solid waste across the Pacific Ocean to be turned into energy over there - thus increasing our greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 5% when the *State*

of *Hawai'i* is working towards significant reductions over the next 15 years.

Making disposable containers from corn or other cellulosic materials is an idea whose time has come.

I note that one of the reasons for doing away with polystyrene containers is they contribute to the increase in roadside litter. Substituting corn-based or even paper serving products will NOT reduce the amount of litter - that's a whole other issue - but at least the trash can be composted and won't wind up killing wildlife. We urge that you pass **HB 2495**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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It is time for us to each take responsibility for our environment and take personal action to help lower our footprint. This will be one small step of what will hopefully be many more.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,
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I was also disappointed to see that in Hawaii, the place that is called 'paradise' all around the world, there was more litter than I have ever seen in any other place I've lived in. Actually, I've seen some of the most atrocious litter on the UHM campus. Near the on campus dinning hall, I once found a soda can pushed into a bush, a bush that was right next to a dumpster. Not only could that individual taken the 2secs to have at least thrown it away, but moreover, they could have waited the mere 2mins to walk it to a recycling bin.

I know that you may be have been sent thousands of these already, and that your secretary is probably screening them for you, but for me, this bill represents a much needed wake-up call the the residents and visitors here in Hawaii that Hawaii needs to, and is getting serious about environmental protection, especially in the unique and fragile ecosystem in our beautiful state. And I believe that the passing this bill will be the one of the important steps this state takes in getting serious about becoming more consciencious about this issue.

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My name is Virginio “Marcus” G. Marcos, proprietor of Diamond Head Cove LLC, and I’m writing in support of HB2495 (Relating to Solid Waste) which proposes to ban the use of polystyrene foam (styrofoam) food service-ware products in the State of Hawai’i.

Currently, my small smoothie operation purchases biodegradable alternatives to petroleum-based service-ware. Although the cost for these biodegradable products is slightly more, the benefit of preserving our environment as an island state far outweighs the cost.

As a pro-Hawai’i small business owner, I’d like to share my firsthand experience that these products are not only affordable but our customers wholeheartedly embrace the fact that they are joining the effort to protect our ‘aina. Our customers often comment on “how great these products are” and “why doesn’t more establishments use these ‘earth-friendly’ products”.

As for the quality of these 100% plant-based cups, plates, containers and utensils, here’s a story that brought a smile to my face. A customer came in the other day, asking if she should be using the “nice” spoons that were placed on our counter. When informed that they were biodegradable, she smiled and nodded expressing her total support of protecting our environment. This is a common reaction from many of our customers.

As a surfer and businessman, I strongly support legislation for all food vendors to take responsible means in protecting Hawai’i and its resources that are invaluable to our economy and our way of life here in the islands.

Our conversion to biodegradable products has been a winning solution for our business. More importantly, the use of biodegradable products is the right thing to do. As the motto on our state seal states that our land is perpetuated in righteousness. Only through “laulima” or working together can we take action in making a difference in caring for our ‘aina. Let’s insure that future generations can have the opportunity to live in a beautiful Hawai’i that we all so enjoy.

Is global warming a concern? Given our location in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, shouldn’t our charge be when do we start. As residents of Hawaii, why not support eco-friendly practices. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony and I look to each of you as leaders of our community to have the foresight in doing right and taking responsible action in preserving our island state.

Mahalo Kakou,
Marcus G. Marcos

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Aloha!

PLEASE do what is good for humans and our environment and eliminate styrofoam for being available in Hawaii.

House HB2495 and Senate SB2001 address this issue, and as a taxpaying resident of our beautiful state, I ask that my voice be heard - along with the thousands of others who wish to ban styrofoam from Hawaii.

Mahalo...

Peace...

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By: Richard C. Botti, Pres. or Lauren Zirbel, Gov't Relations

Re: HB 2495 RELATING TO SOLID WASTE

Chairs & Committee Members:

While we accept the fact that we must address the issue of solid waste, and the amount of plastic being used in the food industry, this measure is simply not the answer, and will create more problems than it is intended to address. Further, we dispute the strong comments in the bill stating that these products pose a significant threat to Hawaii's ecosystems and environment and to the general health and welfare of the citizens of this State. In fact, it is just the opposite. It has provided the best means of protecting takeout food from contamination and bacteria which would cause far more of a threat to our citizens.

The problem is not the product, but the method in which it is disposed. It does not belong in the landfill. The issue is, when will government address landfills? We have to give credit to former Mayor Frank Fasi for the foresight to address the issue over thirty years ago with the building of HPOWER. Waste to Energy plants are expensive, and government has been shy to take on the challenge, even when we know that this is the best road to support energy self sufficiency with respect to electricity in Hawaii.

Polystyrene foam is not only a sturdy, sanitary, economical, and convenient product for Hawaii's food service industries, it is also a fuel that is being dropped in our lap. Pound for pound, it has a higher BTU than coal. Why are we landfilling energy that could reduce oil and coal imports? We should not be condemning polystyrene, but collecting it from the landfill and diverting it to generate electricity in HPOWER. We should be promoting the Neighbor Islands to separate as much plastic of all types at the landfill, shred it and use it as an energy resource.

HB 2495 claims that the non-biodegradable nature and chemical composition of this product raises serious concerns. We don't make similar claims against the oil we use to make electricity. The product is

renewable as a fuel, and contrary to the bill, benzene is not used as an additive in food quality polystyrene products, unless it possibly comes from a foreign country that isn't telling us what is in the product.

If the Legislature is making claims about possible leaching of styrene into food and liquids when heated in such food service-ware, it should address these statements to the FDA who has approved the products as GRAS (Generally Recognized As Safe).

Now, what's good about this bill is that it brings the issue up for discussion. Lets focus on getting as much plastic out of the landfill as possible as fast as possible, and use it to lower our electric bills. We talk about being energy dependence while we landfill a valuable energy source in place of importing coal and oil. We should be taking advantage our this valuable high BTU energy source, rather than calling it a poison.

We suggest this bill will create nothing but heartburn for you if you pass it in this form. We suggest that the bill be amended to prohibit any benzene additives from being included in the manufacturing of any food quality packaging.

By the way, we have a local company that employs over one hundred employees in Kalihi that makes the products you are proposing to ban. They do it without adding benzene. This bill would put them out of business, and their employees out of work.

Six points of interest:

1. Hawaii is unique because of freight being much higher than places like the cities on the West Coast. We have just a few carriers while the West Coast have many coming from the Orient. The West Coast does not have to factor in Ocean freight as does Hawaii. Because incoming shipments from the West Coast and the Far East are limited, time factor will always present problems. This is especially true for substitute items from wherever it will be coming from. During shortages, we are even further behind on the ladder as to receiving goods. Business suffers and Hawaii suffers and yet, they ask us why the cost of living is so high?
2. What's good for others may not be good for Hawaii. As cost factors go up with these changes, there is another cost factor that will be even greater. The fact that these substitutes will naturally be in even greater demand due to all of the bans elsewhere. Hawaii needs to think about it because as these demands are trying to be met, major shortages will occur not only from the supply end but being the last on the totem pole to receive shipments. Paper bag industry from the time of "Save the Trees" program has scaled back a lot of the volume. What does it mean for us? Fulfillment of the needs for the big box stores who are going along with the Green program will have booked these manufacturers out. It will mean major shortages and major price increases with a limited supply. Paper supplier factories are already are maxed.
3. The local scene: Lack of employment will make it even more difficult to live here. Small manufacturing companies will be jeopardized just like those that have already closed down. What does this mean? Hawaii will be even more dependent on the Mainland U.S., where we will be buying our school lunch pulp trays from the East Coast instead of making them here.
4. The Plastics Industry has always supported Waste to Energy. Local companies here in Plastics all practice recycling. Government must do the same.
5. Education is the key....people here need to understand about the true facts about paper and plastics. Each have their place.
6. One last issue is industry cannot be switching back and forth from one type of Manufacturing to the other. It is very costly. When "Save the Trees" programs were launched, our only paper grocery bag company lost their investment in two machines that made the bags. Now we have legislation to go back to trees? Business can't simply change operations so easily without the high cost of new equipment.

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Subject: HB2495 TESTIMONY (EEP Hearing - 01/29/08 - 8.30am) (5 copies)

Testimony before the:
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Tuesday, January 29, 2008 - 8:30 A.M.
- State Capitol Room 312

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Presently, Hawaii has the opportunity to become the first state to prohibit the use of styrofoam as a food service-ware product. The cost of alternatives to styrofoam (i.e. 9 cents more for a plate-lunch) is definitely reasonable when attempting to promote a more sustainable and eco-conscious Hawaii. Ultimately, it may take a few extra cents, to make some sense.

Please support HB2495 and the future of our beautiful but fragile paradise.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,
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From: Andrea Collins [collinsfam7@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2008 11:03 AM

To: EEPtestimony

Subject: HB 2495

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing in regards to the problem that I have seen in Hawaii in relation to styrofoam products. As a tourist who frequents Hawaii, I was surprised at the lack of eco-friendly materials. It is a well known fact that styrofoam is bad for the environment and due to the large volume of tourists that consume products in Hawaii, I would think a more serious look would be taken at finding alternate solutions to this on-going problem. Having been raised in Oregon and now living in California, where initiatives are being taken to treat our environment with more care, I was surprised that Hawaii, a state I love, would not consider doing the same thing. I was happy to hear that testimony is being heard on behalf of a bill banning styrofoam in your state. I naturally wanted to give my testimony on behalf of eliminating styrofoam from your state. I hope you consider my comments as a tourist.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Andrea Collins

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From: Mbutay@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2008 11:16 AM
To: EEPtestimony
Subject: Testimony on HB 2495 - 1/29/2008 @ 8:30 a.m.

Please find attached the following testimony:

**House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Testimony on H.B. No. 2495, Relating to Solid Waste on
Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 312**

Thank you.

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To: EEPtestimony
Subject: hb2459

I am in favor of a ban of styrafoam in Hawaii. I hope I can be there in person to give testimony for the many reasons it is bad for the people of these islands.

Mahalo,

~Orion Stanbro

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Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2008 12:39 PM

To: EEPtestimony

Subject: ban styrofoam

please ban styrofoam-I can hardly eat out anymore because I don't want to contribute to our serious waste problems and continue to fill the landfill with things that won't break down. Hawaii has a serious waste problem that needs to be addressed now. myself, my family and everyone i know are really concerned about this.please take action.

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From: mmckay@hula.net
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2008 12:37 AM
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Subject: HB2495

To: House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Re: HB 2495 - Hearing relating to solid waste disposal, Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 8:30 am in House conference room 312

Chair Morita, Vice-Chair Carroll and Members of the Committee:

I want you to know of my support for HB2495 (Relating to Solid Waste), proposing to ban the use of polystyrene foam (styrofoam) food service- ware products in the State of Hawaii.

I have used the biodegradable alternatives to petroleum-based service- ware and they are a wonderful, environmentally friendly alternative to styrofoam.

Without a legislative ban on Styrofoam products, I am concerned that food vendors will not make the conversion to alternatives that provide environmental and health benefits.

Hawaii should be an example of sustainability and stewardship, rather than developing more landfills and shipping trash to the mainland. I support a total ban on styrofoam in our food service establishments.

Thank you for your consideration.

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