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Testimony for EEP/EBM 3/9/2010 11:30:00 AM SB2559

Date 3/9

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kathleen Flynn
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 808-372-9135
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Submitted on: 3/9/2010

Time 845

Cat AF AS AX **B**

Type 1 2 **WI**

Comments:
Aloha,

I'm a 7-year resident of Hawaii and live on the North Shore of Oahu. Due to the fact that there is an island of plastic North of Hawaii the size of Texas Hawaii needs to step up to the plate and begin to do something about this situation. This plastic bag bill is a good beginning. Please vote yes - this fish will thank you among others.

Sincerely,

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brad Parsons
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Submitted on: 3/9/2010

Time 909

Cat AF AS AX B

Type 1 2 VI

Comments:
LATE Testimony on News Coverage of this bill yesterday and today:

Aloha Representatives:

Yesterday there was an interesting article on the old version of this bill at:

"Paper, plastic or none at all" Mar 8, 2010 | by Andrew Gomes Advertiser

After contacting the editors of the Advertiser to let them know that the article was no longer about the current version of the bill, they posted the following on their blog:

"Five cents a bag ... would that stop you" Mar 8, 2010 | Vicki Viotti ... conference room 325 on Senate Bill 2559 on the latest push to restrict single-use plastic bags...

To which I responded to them and will add for you the following quick calculations:

"Vicki,

There is a mistake in the drafting of that bill. It is 3 cents or *60%* that would go to the General Fund out of the 5 cents, and 2 cents or 40% the collecting business gets to keep. The House had previously had a 10 cent fee per bag in it's bill. In Europe some countries have used 15 cents per bag to get a 90% reduction in plastic bag use.

A fee of 5 to 10 cents does seem like it will generate significant revenue and cut back on use, 15 cents would probably not generate much revenue and cut way back on use. By your paper's article yesterday on the bag ban that is no longer in the bill, with 300,000,000 plastic bags distributed annually on Oahu that could generate in total as much as *\$15 million at 5 cents and \$30 million on 10 cents per bag*. More than half of that should go to the State. That's not chump change...that's as good as many of the other items the revenue committees have been considering."

Hope it helps. Legislators, let's do something good with this.

Mahalo,

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Will Beaton
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: wlb@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/9/2010

Time 922

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Type 1 2 **(WI)**

Comments:

While I would strongly prefer an outright ban on plastic bags, this bill is better than doing nothing at all. Please pass something this year to take care of this environmental nightmare
Aloha, Will Beaton

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From: candicenthornton@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 9:32 AM
Cc: EEPtestimony; EBMtestimony
Subject: Encourage Reusable Checkout Bag Usage!

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Type 1 2 **WI**

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Strong Support for
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I feel that we must also encourage consumers by providing a discount to those that bring reusable bags to the store. Even if it is only \$2.00 off the total bill, people will be more likely to want to participate if they know there is incentive. If people were made aware that they will be charged a fee for each plastic bag but will be rewarded for reusable than we could change the perception of plastic all together. It would take on the life of the costly demon that it is. In this busy world most people do not take the time to educate themselves on the effect they are having on the world around them, the best way to get the message through that a change is necessary is to grab their attention by simple psychology, reward and dare I say, punishment. Also agree with the following:

Re: EEP/EBM Hearing on SB2559 Tuesday, Mar. 9, 2010, 11:30AM Conference Room 325 Aloha members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, and House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, and Military Affairs. I strongly support Senate Bill 2559 because disposable checkout

bags unnecessarily degrade Hawai'i's precious environment. This Bill is an easy way for the State to significantly decrease the amount of waste it produces. Similar laws have been passed worldwide and proven to be very successful. Reusable bags are affordable and readily available throughout Hawaii. This legislation will be the incentive necessary to encourage the community to commit to using reusable bags whenever possible. Moreover, this bill will allow the state and businesses to benefit from every disposable bag distributed. This bill is an easy way for the state to earn some money. Please push this Bill forward. Mahalo nui loa for you time and consideration.

PETLAND - KAHALA

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State of Hawaii legislature
State Capitol Building
3-5-10

Dear legislator,

I am representing Petland Inc. in opposing the ban on single use plastic bags (SB2559). We sell fish, plants and other animals that need to be transported in water and that need single use plastic bags both for initial containment and backup containment. Many fish have fins, spines, and teeth that make bag leaks a possibility. Plastic bags make for safer transportation. Sea urchins are even more of a leak risk.

Many of our plastic bags are printed with messages encouraging people not to release fish into environment. Less smooth surfaces may make messages more difficult to read.

We also provide many other animals such as mealworms, crickets, and silkworms that are best transported in plastic bags. They are so small and in the case of crickets so fast that placing them in porous bags can result in escape. Since plastic bags are airtight we can also inflate bags to reduce risk of crushing insects. These insects are fed to other animals and studied by students in schools.

Plastic bags for many of our dog owning customers are not single use. After bringing bags home they use the bags to scoop dog wastes when walking their dogs.

On Oahu most plastic and paper bags are burnt at Hpower providing electricity rather than damaging the environment.

Besides being general manager of Petland and Petland Inc. I formerly served on economic advisory committee taxation subcommittee with Calvin Say and others during Cayetano years. While I do not speak for the government institution I am qualified to say the financial crises for the state is likely to get worse rather than better due to the ponzi scheme like financing for state retirement and health care benefits. Further tax, fee, and fine increases beyond 50% levels now imposed by government will only make the financial situation worse as more businesses close or become noncompetitive internationally. To solve the problem you have to reduce these less important uses of government funds and focus on more important uses such as education.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Matsui
President,
Petland Inc.