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Strong support for Ban on Non-Biodegradable Plastic Checkout Bags

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

I strongly support Senate Bill 2559 because plastic only does harm for our home and there are alternatives to plastic. We already have the technology and knowledge to make natural/biodegradable goods to take the place of plastic. We have relied so much, and too much on plastic for years and the more we make/use, the more we will accumulate for the future. Why not use something nature provides for us already? This bill is a smart decision and a step in the right direction in creating a more balanced relationship with the only home any of us have. Take care of our home and fellow family.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

I strongly support Senate Bill 2559.

Numerous animals and other wildlife struggle with plastics in our ocean. Being a group of islands, it is important that Hawai'i develop better environmental approaches to the amount of waste that ends up in our waters and become a leader in global oceanic environmental protection. Please allow this bill to come to fruition.

See this article for more information:
<http://current.com/149264c>

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English, and members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

I am a huge proponent of Senate Bill 2559 for a variety of reasons. First, non-compostable plastic checkout bags remain in our environment forever creating a toxic ocean where animals (such as honu, whales, birds) either die from ingesting them or survive and then plastic ends up in the food chain.

A ban of single-use plastic bags would both prevent more bags from ending up in our oceans as well as continue the momentum of this rise above plastics to other states and countries!

Mahalo for your time and consideration.