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From: Brad Parsons [<mailto:mauibrad@hotmail.com>]
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To: Sen. Mike Gabbard
Subject: Testimony and Comments in Support of SB1363

Senator Gabbard,

I support SB 1363, especially as I have seen far too many paper bags being handed out here on Kaua'i since our own plastic bag ban has gone into effect here.

I would like to comment on a few of other organizations' testimony on this bill:
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/Testimony/SB1363 TESTIMONY ENE-EDT 02-08-11.pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/Testimony/SB1363%20TESTIMONY%20ENE-EDT%2002-08-11.pdf)

First, Sierra Club right off the bat recommends reducing the fee to 10 cents. I think you should hold that in reserve for later and not reduce the fee now, and if you do, consider 15 cents. Second, Sierra Club recommends the effective date be Jan. 2013, that is unnecessarily too far off, either leave it July 2012, or make it Jan. 2012, there's plenty of time to do so.

Lastly, I noticed most of the testimony was in favor of the bill, even from the merchants. The restaurants association appreciates that your bill seems to exempt them. I also noticed that some of the merchant associations are asking for pre-emption again, even though your bill was introduced without pre-emption. I want you to consider holding that pre-emption in reserve for now, but consider offering that later to get the bill passed. I am no longer against pre-emption on a bag fee bill now that I have seen how many lazy people will take a paper bag instead of bringing a reusable bag.

Hope it helps,
Brad Parsons,
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Contents of a dead sea birds.



Honu often mistake plastic bags for jellyfish, their favorite food. 33-50% of all turtles found in American waters have plastic impacted in their stomachs



Plastic bag smothering coral, which needs access to flowing water to feed, and exposure to light to photosynthesize. This coral will be smothered to death.



Dead whale found in Puget Sound. Biologists found a surprising amount of garbage in its stomach, including more than 20 plastic bags, small towels, surgical gloves, sweat pants, plastic pieces, duct tape, and a golf ball.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/2014/05/22/whale-found-dead-in-puget-sound-with-plastic-in-stomach/2014/05/22/>



Typical condition of Kamilo Beach on Hawaii



River in Los Angeles, CA



Contents of a dead whale found in the English Channel in 2008, published by Science Magazine.



Penguin found at Troubridge Island



Plastic bags in a landfill.



Plastic bags along Buriganga River in Bangladesh. The country of Bangladesh now has a BAN on plastic bags.