

Testimony for ENE/WAM 4/3/2012 2:45:00 PM HB2483

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Comments:
Legislators,

Please support HB 2483. It is quite evident that our state supports a ban on plastic bags, as conveyed by the passage of county bans on the neighbor islands. Some form of this bill will continue to reappear session after session until it is passed. IT IS YOUR JOB to represent the people. The people have spoken.

Thank you,
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OPPOSE

Mostly all plastic shopping bags are reused, in most homes, as trash can liners. Some are recycled at H-power, estimated be a very small fraction of the waste processed, yielding electrical power. Some end up in landfills, again a very very small fraction of the waste processed. Plastic bags help stabilize the land fills. Often the plastic shopping bag will have another household use prior its use in garbage handling.

If we aren't given these plastic shopping bags then we would have to buy plastic bags for the garbage. In reality there would be none to minimal decrease in solid waste by banning plastic shopping bags.

There may actually be an increase in solid waste by banning plastic shopping bags since each plastic shopping bag would be replaced one for one with a store bought plastic trash can liner. No savings there. But then there would be the heavy duty multiple use plastic shopping bags that after a few uses will also end up in the land fill.

Didn't save anything by making the consumer buy trash can liners and doggie do do bags but now have the additional heavy weight multiple use bags as public waste.

Now you are worse off than you were before the "fix" while forcing consumers to spend millions of dollars on replacing the free plastic shopping bags by purchasing shopping bags, trash can liners and multiple use shopping bags.

Avoid Silly Ecology

Respectfully

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Comments:
Senators:

We support this bill and the effort to put a modest fee on single use carryout bags. Nice effort to keep it moving to Conference Committee.

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