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Testimony in Support of HB357

Aloha,

As a concerned student at UH, I would like to express my wholehearted support for this bill. It is truly the time to make Hawai'i a state that thinks ahead of others and sees the harm being done to our beautiful islands. Single-use bags require petroleum & burning of fossil fuels to produce.

These products do not break down in the environment, are not accepted by any major recycling facilities, and is one of the highest polluted items in the country and especially in Hawai'i. There are viable, affordable, high-quality alternatives that are compostable and made from plant-based sources. Many local restaurants & stores have taken responsibility by making the switch and many others offer benefits to customers who bring reusable bags. UH Mānoa is in the process of working with student groups to make the switch from single-use plastics to compostable products.

Please consider the huge benefit the passing of this bill would have to Hawai'i as it will support sustainable practices, emphasize the importance of the health of our people and the welfare of the environment and land we rely on.