



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Wednesday, February, 2015 at 2:30 P.M.
Conference Room 325, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 1507 HD1 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") would like to **express concerns regarding** HB 1507 HD1, which establishes a working group to study methods to reduce the use of all disposable bags.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

While we understand the need to reduce the use of disposable bags, we are concerned that the purpose of this working group is to establish fees on disposable bags. This working group should focus on alternative methods that does not involve the increase of fees and costs to businesses and consumers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HB1507 HD1
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

February 25, 2015

2:30 p.m.

Conference Room 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB1507 HD1, which seeks to mitigate the impacts of plastic bags on our natural and cultural resources, as well as on our municipal waste stream.

Plastic debris, including plastic bags, substantially impact natural and cultural resources of particular significance in Hawaiian culture and tradition. For example, the ingestion of plastic debris by seabirds, such as mōlī, as well as by endangered honu, is a well-documented phenomenon that may have highly injurious or even fatal consequences.¹ Such species hold special significance in Hawaiian culture and traditions: the cultural importance of seabirds includes their role in navigation, meteorology, craftwork, and in their spiritual and symbolic significance;² likewise, honu, or sea turtles, are also featured in numerous mo‘olelo, hula, ki‘i pōhaku, and other artforms, and were traditionally raised and harvested for food, medicinal, and other purposes.³

¹ See, e.g., JOHN KLAVITTER, UNITED STATES FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, DISCARDED PLASTICS DISTRESS ALBATROSS CHICKS (2012) available at <http://www.fws.gov/news/blog/index.cfm/2012/10/24/Discarded-plastics-distress-albatross-chicks> (“Over 90 percent of the approximately 320,000 Layson albatross chicks that hatch each year . . . contain plastic in the proventriculus and gizzard portions of their stomachs. . . . Chicks that perish on average contain twice the amount of plastic as the successful fledgling”); U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, MARINE DEBRIS IN THE NORTH PACIFIC: A SUMMARY OF EXISTING INFORMATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF DATA GAPS 12 (2011) available at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/marine-debris/pdf/MarineDebris-NPacFinalAprvd.pdf> (“Sea turtles do not appear to distinguish between floating debris and floating prey, resulting in ingestion of plastic bags”); see also *id.* at 10 (“Problems associated with the ingestion of plastics include development of internal and external wounds, impairment of feeding capacity due to the buildup or blockage of the digestive system, decreased mobility and predatory avoidance, and toxicity (reviewed by Gregory 2010). Ingestion of plastics by seabirds has been shown to reduce body weight (Spear et al. 1995), inhibit fat deposition (Connors and Smith 1982), and reduce reproductive capacity (Azzarello and Van Vleet 1987). Additionally, the deaths of sea turtles, whales, manatees, and dolphins have been attributed to gastrointestinal blockages by plastics (reviewed by Derraik 2002, Gregory 2010)”).

² See, e.g., Daniel Harrington, *Seabirds of the Hawaiian Islands*, in HAWAIIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HISTORY, CULTURE, NATIVE SPECIES, SCIENCE <http://www.hawaiianencyclopedia.com/seabirds-of-the-hawaiian-islan.asp> (last accessed February 6, 2015); see also CRAIG HARRISON, SEABIRDS OF HAWAII: NATURAL HISTORY AND CONSERVATION (1990).

³ See, e.g., National Park Service, E Mālama i Nā Honu, <http://www.nps.gov/kaho/naturescience/upload/honu.pdf> (last accessed February 6, 2015); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Protected Resource Division: Green Sea Turtle, http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/PRD/prd_green_sea_turtle.html (last accessed February 6, 2015).

By exploring further how we may be able to further reduce our use of disposable and plastic bags, this measure could help to reduce the significant impact that plastic debris has on our threatened and endangered natural and cultural resources. In addition, any such reduction in disposable bag use may mitigate their impacts on our municipal waste stream.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** HB1507 HD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Representative Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: February 25, 2015
TIME: 2:30pm
PLACE: Conference Room 325

RE: HB1507

Position: Comments

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA supports the intent of this measure. In order for this working group to achieve it's goals and find functional solutions to the issues mentioned in this bill it is vital that a representative from the Hawaii's Food Industry Association be included in the working group.

In order to achieve its goals it is important that the working group take advantage of the knowledge and insight that an industry representative from HFIA could provide.

The food and beverage industry have been heavily impacted by the county level bag regulations and we are eager to help create statewide solutions that are consistent and that work for the environment, our customers, and our businesses.

We ask that this measure be revised to include as part of the working group "A representative of Hawaii's Food and Beverage Industry to be named by the Hawaii Food Industry Association."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**TESTIMONY OF MARTHA TOWNSEND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**in SUPPORT of
HB1507 HD2, RELATING TO ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION
on February 25, 2015 at 2:30 pm in room 325**

Since 1912, The Outdoor Circle has been working tirelessly to keep Hawaii “Clean, Green and Beautiful” for all of our residents and visitors. One of the largest problems facing this cause has been dealing with “disposable” bags.

The enactment of HB1507 would take steps to preserve Hawaii’s natural beauty in profound ways by creating a working group to study methods to reduce the use of all disposable bags. A working group could look into placing a fee on paper bags, as they have their own detrimental effects on the environment. Additionally, a working group could lead to a Statewide policy against plastic bags.

The Outdoor fully supports HB1507 and believes that a working group would be greatly beneficial in exploring the reduction of all bags.

Mahalo,

Martha Townsend



Feb. 23, 2015

Committee Chair & Members of Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee (CPC)

RE: Strong Support for HB1507 – Relating to Plastic Bags – Strong Support

Hearing on Wed., Feb. 25, State Capitol, Conf. Rm. 325, 3:00pm.

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Committee Members,

As the Hawaii Regional Manager of the Surfrider Foundation, I'm writing in strong support passage of HB1507. We helped draft this bill to create a more consistent statewide policy that consolidates all of the county laws without detracting from their requirements. The bill will also create a more consistent policy for consumers and companies. With the creation of a task force to study possible fees, we hope it will reduce the use of single-use plastic and paper bags and increase the use of reusable bags, which are much better for the environment.

Plastics bags are a major source of pollution and are harmful to marine creatures, and too many seabirds and marine mammals die each year due to ingestion and entanglement. Sea turtles and other creatures often mistake them for jelly fish with lethal effects. They are among the most littered items in Hawaii and the world, and we collect thousands of them at our monthly cleanups.

Because of their high rates of litter, each county has already passed an ordinance to reduce the impact of plastic bag pollution in Hawaii. But there are differences among the county bills; so HB 1507 would help to consolidate these ordinances by creating a minimum standard policy that would be more consistent throughout the State. This statewide plastic bag bill should not weaken the existing county laws, yet it reassures that a ban on plastic bags will still remain a priority in Hawaii.

We support the creation of a working group to study how to reduce all single-use, non-recyclable bags as an important component of HB 1507. Although reducing plastic bag pollution is beneficial, it is essential that Hawaii reduce all of its waste. Replacing plastic bags with paper bags is a costly alternative for companies and consumers and has terrible environmental impacts. Manufacturing paper bags consumes more than 14 million trees each year and requires 20x more water and 4x as much energy than plastic bags. Along with deforestation and greenhouse gasses, the process produces toxic chemicals that pollute water sources.

A working group would be able to recommend a policy to be implemented throughout the state, as well as explore how a fee for paper bags would impact Hawaii's economy. A similar HI-5 fee for paper bags would encourage alternatives to non-recyclable bags and generate revenue for local businesses and the economy.

Hawaii was the first state in the country to ban single-use plastic grocery bags county by county, and we hope to build on that success and leadership by creating a more consistent statewide policy. On behalf of the Rise Above Plastics campaign, we ask you to pass HB 1507 and create a task force to explore the use of fees and other methods to reduce plastic pollution and improve the beauty and health of our natural environment. Mahalo for your time and consideration and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Stuart Coleman

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew O'Riordan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Sir or Madam, My name is Andrew O'Riordan, and I am writing as a representative of the Maui Surfrider Foundation. Please work on our paper and plastic bag issue. It is imperative that we research and discover a viable, reasonable, and firm policy that will change behaviors. Honestly, we need to use taxes and financial incentives to improve consumer behavior, but at least let people get together and work on this. This is essential. I relay on my state representative, Angus McKelvey, and the representatives I vote for, to make this happen. Regards, Andrew O'Riordan

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Jodi Malinoski

Rise Above Plastics Coalition: Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter
Committee on CPC: Wednesday, February 25th, 2:30 PM in Room 325
Strong Support of HB 1507 HD1

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Committee members:

Aloha, my name is Jodi Malinoski and I am the Rise Above Plastics Coordinator for Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter. The Rise Above Plastics coalition comprises of five environmental groups: Surfrider Foundation, Styrophobia, Sustainable Coastlines, Conservation Council for Hawaii, and Kōkua Hawaii Foundation; I am writing to represent our coalition who is in **strong support of House Bill 1507**.

The creation of a working group to study how to reduce all single-use, non-recyclable bags is an important component of HB 1507 that is not present in ANY existing county bag-ban ordinances. Here are a few reasons why creating the working group proposed by HB 1507 is beneficial for the State:

A working group could look into placing a fee on paper bags:

- Paper bags have their own economic and environmental impacts.
- They use 20 times more water and 4 times more energy to produce than plastic bags, are made with toxic chemicals that pollute freshwater sources, and are more expensive to produce than plastic bags.
- Monetary incentives work! Fees such as the "HI-5" recycling program have been very successful in reducing waste and encouraging recycling.
- Fees on paper bags would generate revenue for retailers, businesses, and the State.

A working group could lead to a statewide policy against plastic and paper bags:

- This group could look into which of the county bills would be best implemented throughout the State, to encourage consistency and enable a statewide ban on plastic bags in the future.
- On Oahu, it has been rumored that retailers are now creating extra-thick plastic bags, instead of getting rid of plastic bags altogether.
- We need a statewide policy against checkout bags that does not allow for such loopholes and works towards reducing all single-use, non-recyclable bag waste.

On behalf of The Rise Above Plastics Coalition, we support HB 1507 and urge its passing this 2015 session. Thank you for showing concern to reduce not only plastic bag pollution in Hawai'i, but all forms of single-use bags through HB 1507.

Warmest Mahalo,
Jodi Malinoski

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pat gegen	Zero Waste Kauai	Support	No

Comments: Zero Waste Kauai is very pleased with Kauai's "Bag Bill" that eliminates plastic bags, promotes recycled content biodegradable paper bags and promotes the use of durable reusable bags. It would be great to study how these bills can become even more "sustainable behavior producing" and achieve 100% reusable bag compliance. Zero Waste Kauai supports this bill and would like to be a participant in the study group to share our experiences and knowledge.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
megan lamson	mehana consulting	Support	No

Comments: We strongly support this proposed bill (HB 1507). As Hawai'i residents, we must remember that we live on vulnerable island ecosystems and it is of utmost importance to be MINDFUL of what we are consuming on a daily basis. If an item isn't compostable or recyclable, then perhaps it SHOULD NOT be available here for purchase. Initiatives like this proposed bill are steps in the right direction to reduce single-use plastic (and paper) bags in an effort to protect our precious natural and cultural resources here in Hawai'i nei. I fully support HB 1507 as a businesswoman and resident of Hawai'i Island. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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kylejuk	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, As a Maui county resident I have seen how effective the plastic bag ban has been on this island. I am looking forward to getting rid of paper bags that are given away for free and only being used one time. Offering a small 5-10 cent fee for a more reusable bag seems to be very effective in reducing the single use nature of these bags. If this fee could be collected and used by the merchants as well as some of the funds going into the parks department or educational components of how effective this can be to reducing the impact to our island. Thank you for your time, Kyle Juk

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Lucienne de Naie	Individual	Support	No

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Fawn Liebengood	Individual	Support	No

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Nicole Chatterson	Individual	Support	No

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mary	Individual	Support	No

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COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair,
Rep. Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair

DATE: February 25, 2015

TIME: 2:30 PM

PLACE: Conference Rm. 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Re: Oppose HB1507 Relating to Environmental Protection. I find that your effort to deal with environmental and economic problems caused by single-use plastic bags is being enacted has not been well thought out. Such initiatives are being promoted by overzealous environmentalist. This bill will not best serve our community.

1. Many of us recycle the plastic bags that are provided by businesses. Why do you choose to take away our freedom of reusing these plastic bags? I fail to see the difference of recycling the plastic bags that are provided by the businesses and using plastic bags that you have to purchase. Until the day comes that plastic bags are out of our lives and not sold in the stores then and only then you should give this bill any consideration.

2. I would like to humbly remind you that you serve the people. God has given us dominion over all creatures. Majority of the citizens of this State are law abiding and do not litter this land with plastic bags.

3. This bill not only will have the businesses change their way of serving customers with plastic bags but the customers mostly the very poor individuals who shop in Chinatown or markets that serve the Asian community would be impacted. I have witnessed many senior citizens ask for double bagging when checking out their groceries.

4. I urge you not to pass this bill. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to voice my concern.

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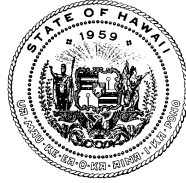
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marion Lyman-Mersereau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Legislators, As a teacher my classes have been studying the effects of plastic on the environment which is why I'm submitting testimony on HB1507 in support of a working group to study the effects of plastic bags on the environment. We have heard that HB 1507 does not have the votes to pass through CPC on Wednesday. Many of the committee members feel that because all of the counties have passed bills against plastic bags, there is no use for a working group to explore the reduction of all bags. Here is why a working group is beneficial: A working group could look into placing a fee on paper bags since paper bags have their own detrimental effects on the environment and are more expensive to produce than plastic. The industry and government would greatly benefit from having fees on paper bags, it would generate money for the State and retailers alike. Monetary incentives work! Fees such as the "HI-5" recycling program have been very successful in reducing waste and encouraging recycling. A working group could lead to a Statewide policy against plastic bags. This group could look into which of the county bills would be best implemented throughout the State, to encourage consistency and enable a Statewide ban on plastic bags in the future. On Oahu, it has been rumored that retailers are now creating extra-thick plastic bags instead of getting rid of plastic altogether. We need a Statewide policy against plastic that does not allow for such loopholes. Sincerely, Marion Lyman-Mersereau

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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to H.B. 1507 HD1
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

REPRESENTATIVE ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

Hearing Date: February 25, 2015

Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Administrative time and cost of coordinating activities of the proposed
2 working group and development of administrative rules.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health respectfully opposes this measure.

4 This bill mandates the Department to establish a working group to study methods to reduce the
5 use of all disposable bags. Recognizing that Hawaii, Maui and Kauai counties have active bans
6 which prohibit the distribution of single-use plastic bags at most retail points of sale and that the
7 City and County of Honolulu's ban will come into effect by July 1 of this year, the Department
8 feels that this measure is unnecessary.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Ken Sentner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support HB 1507 (HD1). Finish the job begun by counties' elimination of single-use plastic bags. Paper bags are also responsible for pollution, and single-use bags of any material should not be used if we are truly committed to cleaning up the fragile natural environment which is key to Hawaii's economic well-being. Pass this bill to allow a working group to finish this important job.

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee, If you're thinking about not supporting this Bill, please go clean a beach or a park and experience how waste detracts from our natural beauty. We must be working towards a no-waste society. We live on an island and should know there is "no such thing as away". Waste is a wasted resource, and a wasted import. Single use bags are lazy and irresponsible. Please be responsible and support HB 1507. Malama Pono, James McCay 2957 Kalakaua Ave Honolulu HI 96815

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Comments: Aloha, I support HB1507 because it is important to address the ecological cost of all disposable bags. Paper and plastic are very harmful in different ways. Mahalo, Angela.

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