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### SB1109

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jessi schultz	keiko conservation	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1109 because the use of styrofoam continues the destruction of the natural balance of our aquatic and general ecosystem.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ocean Ramsey	Water Inspired Conservation Group	Support	No

Comments: Styrofoam, plastics, and other human materials like fishing line, rope, and garbage kill the reef, fish, mammals, even sharks, and even makes its way back into humans through seafood consumption. Please ban styrofoam and help keep the ocean that we all rely on healthier for the current and future generations. There are better alternatives to styrofoam that are easily available, there is no reason not to ban it.

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David Repp	Ocean Enthusiast Foundation	Support	No

Comments: As founder and president of Ocean Enthusiast, a non profit organization inspired by the Hawaiian islands, I strongly support this measure. Our oceans deserve our protection from damaging single use products like these.

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marlys mitchell	the beet box cafe	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have been running a busy restaurant in Haleiwa for 7 years. I never thought twice about using styrofoam and plastics with all the alternatives out there. There are numerous companies that make it very easy for businesses to make the switch ... most deliver. If cost is the issue.... a simple price increase on their items should cover it .... simple.... and appreciated by customers, the earth, the life in the sea. There is NO NEED to use this ancient product anymore .... it is too destructive to our environment.

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3409 Sierra Drive / Honolulu, HI 96816

February 6, 2016

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii, we would like to express our support for Bill SB1109. We are in support of this measure as it will reduce and hopefully eventually eliminate the impact Polystyrene is having on our environment and personal health. As an organization that works closely to sustain and even enhance the beauty of our coastlines, specifically for our youngest and unborn generations, the less Polystyrene used means less impact on our coastlines. Please consider the end of the road regarding your decision on this Bill, the Ocean.

If the Ocean does not persuade you, consider the health implications of styrene leaching into your and your constituents food after eating a hot meal packaged in styrofoam. Think about the endocrine disruptors and estrogen mimicking compounds that have proven implications on animals. We too are animals. Using this material is not good for the environment but most especially not good for us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kahi", written in a cursive style.

Kahi Pacarro

Executive Director

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Charlie Quesnel	Surfrider Maui Chapter	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cleanup Costs & Economic Benefits: • Hawaii State Department of Transportation (DOT) just produced a trash plan that shows styrofoam and plastic bags as the top two contributors to the waste stream. The plan says that banning these wasteful single-use products could save the state millions of dollars. • The Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) created a plastic cleanup valuation study for 90+ counties in California, showing that tax payers bear the burden of cleanup costs: o CA taxpayers are paying \$428 million per year to clean up plastic through storm drain management, street sweeping, and cleanups. o San Diego County (with population of 1.3 equivalent to Hawaii) spends \$14 million each year cleaning up plastic litter. • United Nations Environmental Program estimates that it costs billions globally to clean up plastics, \$14 billion for marine plastics alone. • To clean up this litter, much of the burden has been put on environmental groups whose volunteers spend thousands of hours cleaning up Hawaii's beaches and coastal areas. Environmental Impact: • The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a report showing that burning polystyrene emits more carbon dioxide equivalent than other plastics. • If burned at HPower, one compostable clamshell burns 1.76 times greater energy compared to one EPS Foam clamshell of the same size without the toxic ash or smoke that EPS foam creates in the burning process. • The material for fiber containers can be grown and made in Hawaii, and that would create more sustainable jobs and not expose workers to large amounts of toxic chemicals. • EPS Foam is designed to be used once, and according to the US EPA less than 1% of foam is recycled nationally. 0% of EPS Foam is recycled locally. • EPS Foam is composed of over 90% air. So foam products easily fly out of trash bins and dumpsters and enter into the natural environment. They pollute our coastal waters and negatively impact ocean health and threaten marine wildlife. • EPS Foam also breaks apart more easily than other plastics, making it more difficult to clean up and easier for animals to mistake it as food and ingest. • According to the EPA Waste Reduction Model Report, 7% of plastic waste generation in US is polystyrene. Human Health • Styrene is a confirmed animal carcinogen and a suspected human carcinogen (The National Institute of Health, 2011); this conclusion is also endorsed by the National Academy of Sciences (2014) • When combusted, styrene produces many harmful and possibly carcinogenic byproducts.

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February 7, 2017

To: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Members, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

From: Tim Shestek, Senior Director  
State Affairs

RE: SB 1109 - OPPOSE

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) must respectfully oppose SB 1109. ACC and its members certainly support efforts to reduce litter and marine debris; however, SB 1109 appears to be drafted under the false assumption that alternatives to polystyrene food service containers are environmentally preferable.

All packaging leaves an environmental footprint regardless of the material type. It takes energy and raw materials to produce, transport, and recover or dispose of any material. So it is important to measure all of these impacts throughout the entire lifecycle of a product. Consider the following:

- Polystyrene cups weigh anywhere from two to five times less than comparable paper packaging products which means fewer air emissions when transporting products<sup>1</sup>.
- A polystyrene hot beverage cup requires about 50% LESS energy to produce than a similar plastic-coated paperboard cup with a corrugated cup sleeve, and creates significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions than a similar coated paper-based cup with its corrugated sleeve.
- Studies conducted for Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) showed that banning polystyrene foam food take-out containers would dramatically increase environmental impacts by doubling the greenhouse gas emissions, energy use, and waste associated with the use of alternative products<sup>2</sup>.

The amount of polystyrene foam foodservice that makes up litter is very small – measured at 1.5 percent of the overall litter stream in detailed litter surveys conducted in the U.S. and Canada<sup>3</sup>. ACC certainly shares your concerns over the implications of litter; however, focusing on a single material type does not reduce litter. The City of San Francisco banned polystyrene containers, but according to a 2008 litter audit conducted for the city, paper cup litter increased after the ban was enacted<sup>4</sup>. Bans result in litter substitution, not elimination.

It is also important to note that “bio based” or “degradable containers” only “degrade” in a controlled composting environment – essentially a large industrial facility where temperatures can exceed 140 degrees for several days. Hawaii does not currently have a commercial composting facility to process compostable alternatives, so these products will

<sup>1</sup> Life Cycle Inventory of Foam Polystyrene, Paper-Based, and PLA Foodservice Products, prepared by Franklin Associates, a Division of ERG, February, 2011

<sup>2</sup> Alternative to Disposable Shopping Bags and Food Service Items Volume I, prepared for Seattle Public Utilities, January 2008, Herrera Environmental Consultants

<sup>3</sup> The Contribution of Polystyrene Foam Food Service Products to Litter, Environmental Resources Planning, Gaithersburg, MD, May 2012

<sup>4</sup> The City of San Francisco Streets Litter Re-Audit 2008, Prepared for the City of San Francisco Environment Department, July 4, 2008





end up in a landfill. Biodegradable containers do not degrade if littered alongside the road, deposited into a trash can, nor will they degrade if they make their way into a storm drain or other water body.

The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI), a not-for-profit association of key individuals and groups from government, industry, and academia seeks to educate manufacturers, legislators and consumers about the importance of scientifically based standards for compostable materials which biodegrade in large composting facilities. Under their "Myths of Biodegradation", BPI states:

**Myth:** Biodegradable products are the preferred environmental solution because waste simply biodegrades in the landfill.

**Reality:** Nothing biodegrades in a landfill because nothing is supposed to<sup>5</sup>.

Furthermore, replacements for polystyrene products will likely result in higher operating costs for restaurants, caterers, delis, and other food providers. Polystyrene containers cost 2-3 times less than replacement products, which in some cases do not perform well, especially for very hot and cold food and beverages.

For more than 50 years, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of polystyrene for foodservice products. Polystyrene foodservice products offer a sanitary way to serve fresh food and to help prevent the spread of disease at schools, restaurants, and hospitals.

Health experts and agencies (see included attachment) have all agreed and stated that styrene should not be confused with polystyrene, and levels of styrene in polystyrene foodservice products pose no risk to consumers. It's important to understand the differences between styrene and polystyrene. Styrene, a liquid, and polystyrene, a solid, are fundamentally different. Styrene is a liquid that can be chemically linked to create polystyrene, which is a solid plastic that displays different properties. Polystyrene is an inert plastic that can be used to make many products, such as polystyrene foam used to make disposable plates, cups and other foodservice packaging.

ACC and its members take seriously the issue of litter and marine debris. To that end, ACC is working domestically and internationally with government officials, retailers, anti-litter groups and consumers to devise solutions to prevent litter and marine debris.

Some of our more recent activity includes helping develop new and innovative recycling programs nationwide; promoting industry-wide practices to contain plastic pellets; partnering with governments and conservationists to encourage recycling and discourage litter; working to educate children on the link between litter and marine health; working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to advance scientific understanding of marine debris; and continuing to innovate and develop smaller, lighter packaging. More information about our activities to help reduce marine debris can be found at: <http://www.marinedebrissolutions.com/default.aspx>

Additionally, last year ACC partnered with the City and County of Honolulu on a pilot project to find and close off potential pathways for trash from land-based sources to migrate into the marine environment. One of the primary sources of litter found near waterways and beaches on Oahu is uncovered public trash cans that allow garbage to blow out. Through our partnership, ACC and the City and County of Honolulu identified a better design for outdoor public garbage cans to keep trash out of parks, and most importantly, out of waterways and the ocean. We anticipate these new and improved bins to be installed in Ala Moana Park in March.

ACC believes that reducing landfill disposal, marine debris and litter requires the implementation of a variety of tools. In addition to efforts that seek to increase recycling and improve solid waste collection infrastructure, opportunities to recover non-recycled plastics may be an option as well. An emerging set of technologies is allowing governments and businesses to convert non-recycled plastics into energy, fuels, and feedstocks, or raw materials for new

<sup>5</sup> See <http://www.bpiworld.org/Default.aspx?pageid=190439>



manufacturing. A range of energy recovery technologies are being used to complement recycling in helping to divert more valuable post-use materials from landfills. Some of the most widely used and rapidly emerging technologies include waste-to-energy, plastics-to-fuels, gasification, and solid recovery fuels. It is for this reason that we support HB 749, legislation that would direct the state and each county to consider “waste-to-energy” as a potential solid waste management practice and process.

Thank you in advance for considering our views. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-448-2581 or via email at [Tim\\_Shestek@americanchemistry.com](mailto:Tim_Shestek@americanchemistry.com). You may also contact ACC’s Hawaii based representative Red Morris at 808-531-4551.



# The Safety of Polystyrene Foodservice

## *Health Experts' and Agencies' Views*

### **U.S. National Toxicology Program (NTP)**

Dr. Linda Birnbaum, Ph.D., Director, U.S. National Toxicology Program was quoted widely in Associated Press reports in June 2011: "Let me put your mind at ease right away about polystyrene foam\*" ... [the levels of styrene from polystyrene containers] "are hundreds if not thousands of times lower than have occurred in the occupational setting...In finished products, certainly styrene is not an issue." *Source: news reports of Associated Press story, June 2011*

John Bucher, associate director of the National Toxicology Program, was quoted in Associated Press reports in August 2011: "The risks, in my estimation, from polystyrene are not very great," he said. "It's not worth being concerned about."

*Source: news reports of Associated Press story, August 2011*

### **U.S. National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)**

NIEHS in June 2011 noted: "Styrene should not be confused with polystyrene (foam)\*. Although styrene, a liquid, is used to make polystyrene, which is a solid plastic, we do not believe that people are at risk from using polystyrene products."

*Source: NIEHS web site*

### **Otis Brawley, Chief Medical Officer, American Cancer Society**

Bloomberg News in June 2011 reported that Brawley said, "Consumers don't need to worry about polystyrene cups and food containers..." Quote: "I see no problems with polystyrene foam\* cups."

*Source: Bloomberg News, June 2011*

### **Food & Drug Administration**

Based on scientific tests over five decades, FDA has determined that polystyrene is safe for use in foodservice products. Polystyrene meets the FDA's stringent standards for use in packaging both to store and to serve food.

### **Harvard Center for Risk Analysis**

A twelve-member panel of international experts selected by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis reported in 2002 that the very low levels of styrene present in foods – whether naturally occurring or from polystyrene foodservice products – does not represent a concern to human health.

For more information on polystyrene foodservice: [www.plasticfoodservicefacts.com](http://www.plasticfoodservicefacts.com)

For more information on styrene: [youknowstyrene.org](http://youknowstyrene.org)

\* Original quotes used the term "Styrofoam". STYROFOAM™ is a registered trademark of The Dow Chemical Company that represents its branded building material products, including rigid foam and structural insulated sheathing, and more. The brand name often is misused as a generic term for foam foodservice products.

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Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	No

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Testimony for Public Hearing  
Agriculture and Environment Committee  
Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Committee  
February 8, 2017

Nadia Garcia  
1181 Kukila Street  
Honolulu, HI 96818

S.B. No. 1109- Polystyrene Food Containers; Food Vendors; DOH

Good afternoon, honorable committee members. My name is Nadia Garcia and I am testifying as an individual citizen. My position is in support of SB 1109 relating to polystyrene foam containers.

As a citizen with experience as a local sandwich shop entrepreneur as well as a waste diversion leader for Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii for the past 3 consecutive years, I recommend cutting the ease of access to polystyrene foam containers on our island. As a waste diversion leader I help execute waste diversion strategies for the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing and other large scale and long term events on Oahu. I have seen the World Surf League make sustainability a top-line priority first hand and have observed participants partake with enthusiasm. There should be mandates in effect to decrease environmental impacts from our food market and improve community impact because it is viable on many levels.

Many factors make Hawaii unique, one of which being its geographical positioning. It is like a magnet for marine debris and thousands of pounds of trash that washes up from the ocean. We should not contribute to this predated problem. The demand to reduce plastic consumption, such as that of which is in question is at an all time high. We should stop this waste from being created in the first place by eliminating its acquisition. It is practicable to displace polystyrene food ware with alternatives, such as compostable food ware.

Polysterene foam is one of the most common and toxic forms of litter pollution in Hawaii. It is also listed as a human carcinogen on the US National Toxicology Report. Also, it is one of the main materials that

the Ocean Friendly Restaurants program is trying to eliminate. The Ocean Friendly Restaurants program is an initiative of the Surfrider Foundation that encourages eateries to put the ocean before the bottom line. It now has now certified at least 113 restaurants state-wide and is consistently growing its base.

When I started a smoothie and sandwich shop, I went to Chef Zone for food ware supplies. The shop I co-owned was an initiative to support local growth and food sustainability. I was dampened to find the compostable containers were significantly more expensive than the polystyrene foam containers. To purchase any container but polystyrene was unviable for me as a new business owner. Regretfully, I had to purchase the polystyrene foam containers. It was especially dissonant to me because I understood what detriments the purchase of polystyrene alludes to. This lack of accessibility to ecologically choice options for food vendors and their customers puts well intentioned consumers in a position that perpetuates an unattainable environmentally sustainable future.

Encouraging ecologically sustainable options for our food market will have long-term returns for the vitality of our environment and nurture our community en passant. I urge the committee to help us malama our community and perpetuate environmental stewardship by taking appropriate action and passing SB 119. I thank the committee for their time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Nadia Garcia

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Stephen Trimble	Individual	Support	Yes

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Ananda Stone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the Statewide Polystyrene Food Container ban. Let's be the 2nd State to approve the ban.

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Stacey Gray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chairs Gabbard & Nishihara, and Members of the joint committee on AE&PSM: My name is Stacey Gray and I am a resident of Manoa. I am writing in full support of SB1109 to prohibit the use of expanded and extruded polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. When I was consulting for the Department of Transportations Harbors Division we were contracted to clean the storm drains. I have hands on experience pulling styrofoam out of storm drains and seeing styrofoam in our harbors. It is in the economic interest of the tax payers to ban this costly temporary container. In addition to the cities' costs of cleanup being \$14 million a year for plastics, styrofoam boxes also make our beautiful beaches and ocean look ugly. We all want to keep our island beautiful not just for our keiki and their keiki, but also the visitors that want to take photos. To the manufacturer of the clamshells, I would say now is the time to retrofit your facility to fabricate fiber clamshells. We know that the fiber clamshells are greener and the plants to make them can be grown right here on Oahu. By switching to fiber you could create more jobs. Mahalo for your time and for allowing me to share my testimony. Kind Regards, Stacey Gray

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Donica Shouse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support sb 1109.

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Kelsey Kazahaya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1109

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Andrea Keeseey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chairs Gabbard & Nishihara, Members of the joint committee on AE & PSM, My name is Andrea Keeseey and I am a resident of Haleiwa. I am writing in full support of SB1109 to prohibit the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. I have been a volunteer with Plastic Free Hawaii for the last year and have attended beach clean ups where there is an outstanding amount of styrofoam littering the beaches. Also, I have been to quite a few restaurants that provide ONLY styrofoam containers. These containers do not decompose and can never be recycled and ultimately never break down fully. They end up being consumed by wildlife, which confuses that feeling with being full and end up dying of starvation. One of the most amazing parts of living on this island is the beautiful landscape and wildlife right outside our front doors. We need the environment, the environment doesn't need us - we need to respect what sustains us and work towards maintaining it. Please support this bill and help preserve the magic that makes living in Hawaii so special.

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Emily Crigler	Individual	Support	No

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sydney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support SB1109

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Repp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 1109, Hawai'i has a duty and responsibility to keep our waterways and oceans free from locally acquired and highly damaging styrofoam containers.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
siena schaar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Polystyrene foam is an extremely destructive material that breaks down to even more harmful micropollutants that have extreme harmful effects on the environment. Hawai'i is home to so many endangered and endemic species and it would be a shame to lose more individuals or entire populations due to polystyrene ingestion. Please consider banning the use of polystyrene foam here in Hawaii so that we can set a good example for the rest of the U.S and the world. Protect our native species. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
caroline romo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello my name is Caroline Romo and I am a resident of Kailua, Hawaii. I am writing in full support of SB1109 to prohibit the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. It is argued that styrofoam is acceptable because we can incinerate it for energy. However, this approach is not without significant impacts. According to the Hawaii DOH Clean Air Branch the Covanta H-POWER plant emits 0.15 million metrics tons of carbon dioxide (a potent greenhouse gas) annually. Although touted as a "clean energy solution" for Hawaii, H-POWER only generates about 3% of Oahu's energy needs while still emitting greenhouse gases through burning plastic. Plastic is costing cities, counties, states, & countries millions of dollars and our global economy billions. Costs are passed to the taxpayers by burdening our storm water management systems with the need for expensive best management practices and the costs of cleanups.

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Sarah	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo nui loa for this bill to finally ban styrofoam/polystyrene. This incredibly toxic material should no longer be manufactured, period. This ban is long overdue, and will suffice until we globally stop the production of polystyrene materials completely. We have so many alternative materials already, retailers and restaurants can utilize compostable paper or recyclable aluminum foil for their carry-out containers, and we as consumers and patrons can bring our own containers, or order appropriately to avoid the need for a wasteful container. Thank you again for banning polystyrene, we look forward to more bills that protect our precious, sacred natural resources.

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nadean	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support measure SB1109. There is no need to allow wasteful products that affect the animals and aina. It is our job to keep animals such as the endangered Hawaiian monk seal safe and in doing so making sure we avoid products that pollute and kill. Mahalo for your time

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Kayla Saunders	Individual	Support	No

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diana	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee Members, I urge you vigorously support SB1109. It is high time that we stop using these destructive container materials. I participate regularly in beach cleanups around O'ahu and can tell you that there is plenty of styrofoam containers (and arts thereof) that we find as marine debris and as recently tossed litter. Please lets take the first step towards reducing this stuff that is so destructive to our wildlife - from fish cetaceans and birds to plankton. There are so many great biodegradable and reusable alternatives to styrofoam. Please support this move. It provides for plenty of time to companies to phase the bad stuff out and transition to a healthier containers. Mahalo.

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Emelia Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1109

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Erika Lechuga Disalvo	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Kurisko	Individual	Support	No

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My name is Michelle Bennett and I support the *responsible* ban of polystyrene food containers. This material can be deadly not only for wildlife but also human life! Microplastics, broken up plastic bits that won't degrade, contain toxins that can poison those that consume it. When it accumulates through the food chain, it makes it more and more deadly and very hard to detect. The best way to keep all life on Earth healthy is to lessen the insurmountable amount of plastics we use constantly!

Mahalo nui loa for protecting our planet,

Michelle Bennett



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James	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support #SB1109

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexandra Sasso	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii has already taken so many steps toward a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future with the banning of plastic bags and banning smoking on the beaches of Maui county. It only seems right to continue making progress toward those goals, and banning Polystyrene is another step in the right direction. Living in Hawaii, one understands how precious the land and sea are. Polystyrene is contributing to the degradation of our oceans and threatening so many marine species. An old Hawaiian proverb states, "Malama i ke kai, a malama ke kai ia oe!" which means, "care for the ocean and the ocean will care for you." We cannot survive without the ocean, so we must be stewards and protect it any way that we can. So please, "malama i ke kai," and pass the ban on polystyrene.

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Alanna Daley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Styrofoam is one of the top contributors to our waste system & is beyond a nuisance polluting our beaches & oceans! Our island home deserves a styrofoam ban!

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haley van noord	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please ban styrofoam containers. I am science teacher and the amount of styrofoam being used to serve school lunches is appalling. In a recent beach cleanup at Waihee refuge I spent less than ten minutes beach combing and my contents of my garbage bag was approximately 90% single use containers pieces. Please consider our students and their futures.

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Sara Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: When there are so many alternatives nowadays, it is absolutely unconscionable to use a material that will live forever in our landfills for a quick sip of coffee or bite to eat. In thinking beyond our moment of need for convenience, we must act now to protect our environment for future generations. It is not fair to postpone this responsibility—we must be accountable now and end the senseless use of styrofoam.

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Russell Rebelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: there are Eco-friendly alternatives to Styrofoam. malama the aina.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1109, because of the dangers the product it is banning, does to animals.

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Jingwoan Chang	Individual	Support	No

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Tiare Lawrence	Individual	Support	Yes

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Angelana Zayas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This world needs to stop being so reckless!!! Styrofoam is HORRIBLE for the environment and animals! I SUPPORT SB1109!!!

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tim johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Biodegradable packaging only! Please ban this stuff it never goes away...

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Robinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is David Robinson. I am writing in full support of SB1109 to prohibit the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. I believe we live in a time where we have the duty to protect our environment more than ever. The EPA's Waste Reduction Model report shows that burning polystyrene emits more CO2 equivalent than other plastics. As well, the air pollution is dangerous for human health.

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Jackson Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1109

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Reed	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to stop single use styrene containers. It is especially important living on an island. Please pass this bill!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Swoish	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: SB 1109 Testimony: Hearing Date: Wednesday February 8th, 2017 Hearing Time: 1:15 PM Place: Conference Room 224 Committee: Agriculture & Environment/Public Safety Intergovernmental, & Military Affairs Aloha Chairs Gabbard & Nishihara, Members of the joint committee on AE & PSM, My name is Taylor Swoish and I am a resident of Kailua. I am writing in full support of SB1109 to prohibit the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. Styrofoam decomposes in 1 million years plus. When incinerated it emits millions of metric tons of carbon dioxide. It is unnecessary and is hurting our planet. We don't have the time or space to continue in our ways. Why Styrofoam? There are alternatives. This is an important step towards sustainability and helping the earth. Our planet is running out of time and we are the problem so this is the least we can do. Thank you for your time and understanding.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marissa Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Polystyrene foam containers should be prohibited because the material that they are made of and the chemicals that are used in the process can cause damage to the environment as well as to human health. In 2002, the International Agency for Research on Cancer identified styrene as a possible human carcinogen, as did a 2014 National Toxicological Program report on carcinogens. Research has also shown that chemicals in the containers can leach into food and impact human health. Polystyrene is also non-biodegradable and is difficult to recycle, which poses pollution threats to our environment. Plastic and styrofoam products can commonly be found lining the shores of Oahu's beaches, and something needs to be done to fix this problem. Prohibiting the distribution of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors could help reduce the risk of health hazards and pollution.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
karen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Styrofoam is harmful to both the environment and wildlife. Please support more eco friendly alternatives to styrofoam.

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Kathryn Zimmerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the measure to ban polystyrene containers. They are awful for the environment and we have other options that are more environmentally friendly. Thanks!

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Michael Amrhein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1109. I believe it is important for us to be making decisions for the long-term health of our planet, our oceans, and all wildlife in Hawaii. This ban would represent a positive step in protecting our environment rather than making decisions based on short-term convenience or the benefit of only a few. I hope that the long-term implications of this bill will be fully considered, and that Hawaii can continue to lead by example in creating a healthier planet for the future.

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M. Kathleen Howe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the ban on styrofoam.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cynthia Welti	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm Cynthia Welti, a resident of Kauai. I completely, fully, thoroughly support SB1109 stopping the use of polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) containers by food vendors. Styrofoam doesn't go away. I believe many food vendors would like to switch away from it if cost were not an issue. Banning means no one will have an unfair advantage by continuing to use it. So in essence businesses can jointly make this vital switch for the environment and not suffer as much.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jackie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support sb 1109

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sydney N Lang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Styrofoam is harmful to our environment, our oceans, and our animals! There's no reason to keep using this dangerous material when we know animals are unintentionally ingesting it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ella-monique mason	Individual	Support	No

Comments: styrofoam is an unsustainable material causing secondary effects in marine ecosystems. it is not biodegradable and or consumable consumption of styrofoam by marine organism can be fatal, break down takes years and washes up on shorelines posing threats inter-tidal and terrestrial ecosystems. i support SB1109.

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ella-monique mason	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyle Ellison	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a scuba divemaster and travel journalist, I've been fortunate enough to travel to beaches and coastlines around the world. In Malaysia, The Philippines, Vietnam, and Mexico, I've seen the devastating effects that plastic and styrofoam can have on our oceans, and while it's almost the new normal to see plastic-covered shorelines in much of the developing world, I never expected the same to ever become of my island home, Maui. Recently, however, while hiking in Hana, I walked down a shoreline that was littered in plastic and the image struck too close to home; let's work to stop these destructive practices and keep the opala off of our shorelines when there are so many alternatives to do so.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jocelyn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Absolutely support this bill. Our islands cannot afford to not pass this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
patricio de rodas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The styrofoam is extremely contaminating the oceans, it is causing to much problems with the marine life all around the world, we need to take action and begin the ban everywhere

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matthew Tello	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the banning of styrofoam in Hawaii.

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Ricardo Ascencio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1109

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Tara Keck	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Styrofoam is costing tax payers millions of dollars in cleanup costs as well as the environmental damage and human health effects associated with the toxicity of styrene. Hawaii State Department of Transportation has produced a trash plan that shows styrofoam and plastic bags as the top two contributors to the waste stream. Further, for each ton of polystyrene not produced, 2.5 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions are avoided. This directly supports Hawaii's greenhouse gas reduction goals as stated in the Aloha + Challenge and as mandated by the US EPA.

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Hearing Date: Wednesday February 8th, 2017

Hearing Time: 1:15 PM

Place: Conference Room 224

Committee: Agriculture & Environment/Public Safety Intergovernmental, & Military Affairs

Aloha Chairs Gabbard & Nishihara, Members of the joint committee on AE & PSM,

My name is Marvin Heskett and I am a resident of Palolo. I am writing in full support of SB1109 to prohibit the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. Polystyrene foam is one of the most littered and least recycled forms of plastic.

As a life time advocate and participant in beach cleanups, it pains me to consider how many Styrofoam clamshells and plates, discarded by residents and tourists, intentional or by accident, that I've picked up off of our leeward coasts. We have become painfully aware of the marine debris issue the coastal globe is currently facing. What pains me worse than the knowledge of how many hundreds of items I've personally removed, is all of those that I, and other concerned members of our community, missed. Hawaii shamefully currently contributes significantly to the growing garbage patch of the north Pacific Gyre. One of our greatest exports to the gyre is the lightweight, flyaway Styrofoam single use containers. We're sacrificing the Ocean environment that we love so much for a few moments of added convenience. Hawaii State Department of Transportation (DOT) just produced a trash plan that shows Styrofoam and plastic bags as the top two contributors to the waste stream. The plan says that banning these wasteful single-use products could save the state millions of dollars.

Not only are we shamefully sending off unsightly rubbish, to our pristine life support system, but we are poisoning her inhabitants as we do. On a recent work trip to the northwest Hawaiian Islands, I bore personal witness to the remains of once grand albatross, withered with body cavities full of single use plastics, especially light small pieces of Styrofoam. The mangled corpses were not insignificant in numbers. They lay by the hundreds, dead or dying along the ground on these atolls, ironically suffering from starvation as their stomachs were filled with this mildly convenient artifice we use to feed ourselves from quickly and conveniently. Any person both privileged and cursed, to view this sight understands quickly why a global ban on these products is needed immediately. Hawaii, of all places, can understand and feel the pain this pollution is creating right here at home and needs to help lead the cause to eliminate them.

For producers of these plastics to blame the end users for the fate of the pollutants is no different than the same excuses the same petrochemical companies made for Agent Orange or PCBs. The people of this nation demanded change. We demanded a ban on these chemicals for the knowledge of their inevitable fate was too much for any of us to bear. As we necessarily, demanded through federal law, to do away with these pollutants that were wreaking havoc on our health and the environment, we must too, ban the use of these acutely toxic killers of marine life.

I graciously ask you to consider the larger picture, to avoid being influenced by the very few who stand to gain by continuing to produce and sell these petrochemical products at the cost of our Ocean's health and support this bill. Future generations will surely thank you for having the courage to do so.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Marvin Heskett



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Jonas Vibell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a no-brainer. Styrofoam is cheaper now but alternatives will become cheaper as they become widely adopted. Styrofoam doesn't degrade staying in our environment for ages. We as an island culture know that styrofoam is terrible as we can see it on any shoreline that has not been cleaned for a while. That is why this is extra important for us. Let's set the standard!

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Andrew	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the foam ban. Styrofoam is 0% recyclable in the state of Hawaii.

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jesus retana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Save the animals and the environment, they are the only reason tourists visit

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brendon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill because i find this bill offensive. WHY? because these environmental groups want to push their lifestyle onto others. I for one don't buy into their scare tactics and would like to continue use EPS foam containers for their ability to keep food insulated well. The alternative container may be made of some type of corn, potato, sugar cane, etc. but it is then lined with a plastic food grade film which would defeat the purpose of the ban. The alternative compostable container is also manufactured from GMO materials. When Stuart Coleman and the surfrider foundation talk about EPS foam, just remember that this material has been proven safe for many decades. These environmental groups try their best to scare you into believing their myths and lies. I urge you not to buy into the emotion game and READ THE FACTS. I urge you to look at the facts and not buy into the emotional aspect that these environmental groups are trying to push onto you. I urge you not to add another cost onto our favorite foods out there. When they say that it added cost is minimal, that is far from true.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erik McLellan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do this for the future of the community - this is one small, obvious step in moving the right direction. There are so many options available now that do not pollute and harm the planet. Let's set the right example for our peers and our children. Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono.

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Lisa Giesick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Styrofoam is detrimental to our fragile environment. With so many better alternatives, a ban is the ethical thing to do.

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ELIA BRUNO	Individual	Support	No

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Mary Lacques	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Christopher Lowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Styrofoam is awful for the environment and expensive to clean up. Requiring companies to use more sustainable and environmentally friendly alternatives will help keep money in people's pockets and keep our island beautiful for years to come.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kenia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill, wildlife should be protected and not Exposed to this harmful material

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyler Badten	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a critical ban to help Hawaii become a supporter for a more sustainable future. I have been to the middle of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and have images burned into my head of polystyrene and other plastics littered all across the oceans surface. This is not only a problem for marine life, but for people who rely on the others as a good source as well. Polystyrene is not a sustainable option and should be banned. Help Hawaii become the leader in a sustainability revolution.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mikaila Wahl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Mikaila Wahl, and I am a high school student at Punahou. I don't usually testify, but I feel that this bill is pivotal to the sustainability of our island. I am in full support of the styrofoam ban. In my free time, I enjoy going to the beach. Unfortunately, when I do see litter at the beach, it is often styrofoam. Whether it be a chunk of styrofoam cooler or cup, it is disconcerting to see scattered among the seashells in the sand. My hope is that by passing this bill, we can collectively take a step towards a more sustainable future through reducing our Styrofoam litter. Thank you for your time, and I hope you support this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Addison Davis	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: SB 1109 Testimony: Hearing Date: Wednesday February 8th, 2017 Hearing Time: 1:15 PM Place: Conference Room 224 Committee: Agriculture & Environment/Public Safety Intergovernmental, & Military Affairs Aloha Chairs Gabbard & Nishihara, Members of the joint committee on AE & PSM, My name is Addison Davis, I'm 17 years old, and I am a resident of Kailua. I am writing in full support of SB1109 to prohibit the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. I had the privilege of attending the IUCN World Conservation Congress last September. At the opening ceremony Governor David Ige introduced the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative, which sets a goal of Hawai'i transferring to clean, renewable energy by 2045. Though depicted as a "clean energy solution" for Hawai'i, the burning of plastics at the H-Power Covanta plant produces .15 million metrics tons of carbon dioxide annually through the burning of plastics. Styrofoam is costing taxpayers millions of dollars to remove from storm drains, as styrofoam and plastic bags as the top two contributors to the waste stream in Hawai'i. By banning food vendors from serving or packaging prepared food in polystyrene foam containers we will see a ten per cent reduction of the department of transportation highways division's total cleanup costs of litter in the State. I was so blessed to have attended the IUCN World Conservation congress, I learned we are a planet at the crossroads, and I urge you to support this bill, which will lead to a sustainable future for my generation, and generations in the future. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harvy King	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha, I am Harvy King. I am a veteran of the United States Navy. I'm from Guatemala, raised in Michigan, currently living in Kaneohe. I support Bill SB1109 because I feel it is important to put Environmental Stewardship at the top of our list of priorities both as individuals and as a social species. I have volunteered numerous times with Surfrider Foundation, Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii, and Kokua Foundation in their efforts to clean up and speak out against Single-Use Material. Styrofoam is an unnecessary detriment to both human health and the environment, costing the state exorbitant amounts of money to maintain in the waste stream. Styrofoam does not need to be a part of human consumption. You will find that there is material that is already being used that is much more appropriate to use that can be repurposed as compost material as opposed to being burned. Please imagine the world operating as close to Zero waste as possible. So Pono. Mahalo Nui Loa Harvy King

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Kristin Cootey	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bailey Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help our community and environment by eliminating the use of hazardous styrofoam containers. In our island home it is critical to reduce our impact and waste.

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Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

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theodora	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support sb 1109

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Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Salehi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals unintentionally ingest this all too convenient and dangerous material! Please make the right choice and ban it. We need the change now or our children will bear the consequences of our bad decisions.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donna Louie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chairs Gabbard & Nishihara, Members of the joint committee on AE & PSM, My name is Donna Louie and I am a resident of Honolulu. I am writing in full support of SB1109 to prohibit the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors. This styrofoam substance is detrimental to our environment. There are alternatives to using this toxic material, which are much more eco-conscious/friendly. We can do better for the planet, so why not? Thank you for your time. Much aloha, Donna

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Christ Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This foam pollutes waters, parks, and is unsightly and not earth friendly. It should be banned worldwide. This is a good first step.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
fehren	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. My name is Fehren Jones and i reside in the Honolulu area. i am in full support of SB1109 which writes "Prohibits the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors beginning 1/1/18, unless: (1) the county in which the food vendor works has established a polystyrene foam container recycling program; or (2) DOH allows an exemption." In fact, I hope this passes soon! to see the damage that Styrofoam has caused in landfills, our oceans and to mention that it causes cancer! Gross! We need Hawai'i to be healthy and sustainable once more. Mahalo for your time. Enjoy the rest of your day. Aloha

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Cassandra Pace	Individual	Support	No

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To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Re: Support of SB 1109 RELATING TO POLYSTYRENE FOAM CONTAINERS.

My name is Gavin Lamb and I am a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). I am writing in strong support of SB 1109 which prohibits the use of polystyrene foam containers by food vendors because of polystyrene foam containers' damaging effects on the environment and wildlife in our state.

As an island state, I strongly feel that Hawai'i must not only move towards a sustainable future for its inhabitants, but also lead the way as an example of environmental stewardship for the rest of the country. However, our continued use of polystyrene foam containers is one issue we have unfortunately fallen behind on. Multiple major U.S. cities across the country have already banned this unnecessary and environmentally destructive product, despite resistance from some businesses citing potential harm to profits and job loss. These cities understood that banning polystyrene foam was an opportunity to begin shifting their economies towards a more sustainable future.

As in other cities, this ban would mean a transition for both individuals' and businesses' purchasing habits. However, from my experience with this issue at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa campus, which has made major strides towards eliminating polystyrene foam beginning in 2013, through creativity and innovation, local vendors and individuals have worked together in achieving a less wasteful and more sustainable campus culture. I hope with the proposed ban on polystyrene foam containers we can begin to extend these efforts statewide.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gavin Lamb  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jamie Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1109. Polystyrene should not be used or produced unless there is a strong recycling program set up. We must keep our marine wildlife safe.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christ	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Legalize hemp. Hemp revolution. Legalizing hemp will put the oil industry on its ass and will revolutionize packaging materials, dependence on oil, and health, in itself. It might also save the seals

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tanya torres	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of a styrofoam ban because styrofoam is bad for our environment and our health. The pollution problem we have here on the islands is greatly affected by these styrofoam containers. They do not biodegrade, they just break down into smaller and smaller pieces causing it to be nearly impossible to clean up. They litter our beaches and other beautiful tourist areas that make it not so pleasing to the eye to be around. If the pollution makes it its way to the ocean, it then harms our reefs and marine life, in turn decreasing tourist satisfaction. Not only do these containers more often than not make their way into our oceans polluting our beaches and marine ecosystems, they also leach harsh chemicals into our food and drink. It is well known that whenever we consume food or drink from a styrofoam container, we are inadvertently consuming harsh chemicals. Lastly, I know Hawaii believes in climate change. We made that very clear after this last election. I know Hawaii is trying to lessen their dependence on oil also. Guess what styrofoam is made from. Oil. We could cut ties with supporting that all together. And if hawaii believes in climate change, then they know how fragile our ecostems are and how hard they already have been hit. Why not take every stand we can to help. It is a step in the right direction for us in present day and those in the future. I'm sure that the people of Hawaii and our tourists would have no problem switching to an alternative material if it meant not consuming chemicals and destroying our ecosystems.

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kelly webster	Individual	Support	No

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Jazmine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the ban of foam containers in Hawaii. These containers make it into the ocean and into the mouths of our marine life, ultimately causing harm or death. We as the human race need to make sure we are doing our best to protect the natural wonders and their creatures around us.

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Chelsea Garcia	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tara Friel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This would be a monumental movement for the environment of a place as beautiful and delicate as Hawaii. It could spearhead a national and international change that would be beneficial for so many regions and ecosystems, as well as the overall appearance with less long-lasting litter.

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Yelitza Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I got to visit an island this summer. When I arrived to the beach, I noticed Styrofoam everywhere. I decided to spend an hour of my visit picking up the bits of Styrofoam. (I'm big on recycling in my household & workplace. I pick up garbage in the street if I happen to walk near it.) When I went on a tourist attraction, I realized there were families among families of fish just 10 feet away from the Styrofoam! Not only does the material harm the environment, but also makes the island look unappealing for tourists. If Hawaii was to ban the material, it would be a step forward in the right direction. It'll also be a wonderful example for other states to follow. Just like the California plastic ban. There is a Native American proverb: "We did not inherit this earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from OUR children." Thank you for your time.

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Comments: I support SB1109

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ane takaha	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Simons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have done enough damage with man made garbage on our planet. It's up to the government to support the efforts of citizens and organizations that are doing everything they can to change the negative impact that we have on the planet and it's wildlife. Plastics and Styrofoam are clearly dangerous and unnecessary. Use must stop before production stops.

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Geena Darnell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1109

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mason woods	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Banning styrofoam, a well known and dangerous pollutant, would be a step in the right direction for the entire planet. However, for Hawaii, it is more than a step in the right direction. It is an absolute necessity. If lawmakers are not proactive about their ecosystem, especially one as unique and as vulnerable as Hawaii's, we WILL lose species who are dependent on us to finish what we've started.

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kuulei Rodgers	Individual	Support	No

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aleta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of restricting/banning the use of all styrofoam related products in the state of Hawaii and see it as a huge benefit to the health of the people, animals and environment of this incredible state.

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Phoenix Mackenzie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support sb1109

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Kevin Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

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Brittany	Individual	Support	No

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Monika Mira	Individual	Support	No

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I support a ban on polystyrene food containers. We have one landfill that is full. We get over one million visitors a year (and of course our local residents), who need to frequent food establishments to eat. The number of these containers that end up in the landfill is staggering. An additional threat is that these containers are light. What that means is that just a light wind (like our trades, or more recent wind storms) can pick them up out of a trashcan and take them to the ocean. The ocean is littered with plastic already; it cannot handle any more. We depend on our ocean for food, and its natural beauty brings tourists (and money to our island). We are at the tipping point.

I must note that the plastic bag ban, made a proven difference. I believe this ban will make a positive impact too,

Many food establishments are already using compostable containers and there should be no issue with switching over. A ban like this also offers an opportunity to educate folks about the issue.

Mahalo!



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andrea colmenares	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wholeheartedly support SB1109. The time has long come to put preservation ahead of convenience. This is a move that people could be proud of. Thank you.

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ryan christopher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please strongly consider this ban. There are options for food business to use in place of polystyrene that breakdown quickly and don't trash our island forever. Our economy is so tourist driven, if this place turns into a dump no one is going to want to come visit and the economy will crash. Our children deserve a clean future. Thanks

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Isaac	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the ban of Styrofoam in Hawaii because the creatures on this earth are more important than profit and Styrofoam

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### **SB1109**

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Testimony for AEN/PSM on Feb 8, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rachael	Individual	Support	No

#### Comments:

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candace hang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our environment needs all the help that we can manage to affect beneficially. I support no styrofoam in Hawaii. Maybe together we can help make an impact to help our beautiful environment

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Disette	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Styrofoam is fatal to the ocean. Keep Hawaii's wildlife alive and save the ocean!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bethany	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1109 because someone needs to speak up for the animals who are unintentionally ingesting harmful products. It's 2017, this shouldn't still be happening.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zoe Gapayao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have volunteered and spent time around Hawaiian Monk Seals and Hawaiian green sea turtles. Both species, while extremely intelligent, cannot differentiate debris from food as human minds easily can. Banning styrofoam will reduce anthropogenic waste going into our ocean and will protect the endangered species of the Hawaiian islands. Mahalo.

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amanda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1109 and for the sake of HUMANITY you should too.

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