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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1298
RELATING TO GLASS CONTAINERS

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 2/17/2021

Room Number: Via Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports SB1298 to amend Hawaii Revised Statutes
3 (HRS) Section 342G-82 to increase the glass advance disposal fee from one- and one-half cents
4 to five cents and respectfully offers the following comments:

5 HRS Section 342G-84 mandates that the Department allocate funds collected by the
6 advance disposal fee to each county based on that county's de facto population, so that the
7 counties may operate glass recovery programs. Increasing the fee will allow the Department to
8 allocate a greater amount of funds to the less-populated neighbor islands.

9 In addition to glass advance disposal fees, solid waste disposal surcharges are also
10 collected by the Department and are currently deposited into the environmental management
11 special fund. The Department respectfully requests that a glass advance disposal fee special fund
12 be established separate of the environmental management special fund to facilitate accounting
13 and managing the fees collected.

14 The Department also respectfully requests that glass deposit beverage containers continue
15 to be managed under HRS Section 342G Part VIII, Deposit Beverage Container Program, and
16 exempted from the glass advance disposal fee surcharge.

17 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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



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TO:
Committee on Health
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: February 17, 2021
TIME: 1:05pm
PLACE: Via Videoconference

RE: SB1298 Relating to Glass Containers

Position: Oppose

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 is in opposition to this measure. We believe that prior to making any changes to the advance fee it is necessary to fix the existing problems with the HI5 program. Increasing the fee means asking consumers to contribute even more of their hard-earned money into the HI5 program, which is an unfair request given the current state of the program.

Unfortunately, the HI5 program has failed multiple audits to an alarming degree. We encourage legislators to read the auditor's summary and full report here:

<https://auditor.hawaii.gov/summary/report-no-19-08-financial-and-program-audit-of-the-department-of-healths-deposit-beverage-container-program-june-30-2018/>

Auditor's Report No. 13-08, November 2013 states that, "the program paid out \$28 million more in handling fees than it collected in container fees." Auditor's Report No. 15-02, April 2015 states that, "In FY2014, the program paid \$2.8 million in deposit refunds for approximately 3.5 million pounds of recycled materials that it could not account for." These issues, identified years ago, have not been addressed.

We ask that this measure be held and we thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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THE SENATE
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2021

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
February 17, 2021

Testimony in Opposition to SB 1298

Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1298 RELATING TO GLASS CONTAINERS. Wine Institute (WI), a public policy association representing 1,000 California wineries of all sizes, opposes increasing the advance disposal fee (ADF) by 333% to 5 cents and expanding the program to apply this fee to deposit beverage glass (DBG), which includes wine coolers. We respectfully submit the following comments in opposition to SB 1298.

Wine products make up a small part of all the glass containers that would be subject to the 5 cent fee under SB 1298. On wine products alone, a 5 cent ADF would raise about \$1.4 million, almost double the 2019 ADF revenue. (Based upon the Beverage Information Group's 2019 Wine Handbook, reporting the total consumption of wine products in Hawaii in 2019 was 2,281,514 cases, which equals 27,378,168 750ml bottles.)

In 2019, there was more ADF revenue generated (\$726,678) than was expended by the Counties for collection programs (\$556,579). This may be due in part to Honolulu county reducing their recovery programs for ADF glass; however, providing a huge jump in funding for a program with a surplus would not be fiscally prudent. In addition, this proposal does not provide any new or revised parameters on how the Department of Health (DOH) or the Counties can use the increased funding.

Before infusing significantly more money into the program, there should be thorough consideration of the issues and recommendations provided in the Audit of the Department of Health's Glass Advance Disposal Fee Program and A Study to Identify Local Alternatives to Shipping Non-Deposit Glass out of the State of Hawai'i, submitted to the Governor and the Legislature in December 2014. These reports were mandated by Resolution of the Legislature in 2013. The audits provide excellent information regarding issues with the program and potential changes that should be implemented by the DOH.

Some of the unaddressed issues include combining the glass streams from the deposit beverage container program and the ADF program, statutory changes needed to consider down-cycling options equally with recycling for the entire glass stream, and whether there is a down-cycling alternative that is better for Hawaii than expending the dollars and resources to ship glass to the mainland. If recycling remains a Hawaii priority, it may also be worth exploring the costs and benefits of building a small recycling or beneficial use facility on-island.

We urge the Legislature to consider these broader issues relating to glass waste management before jumping to increase the ADF and significantly expanding the scope of the program.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 1:05 P.M.
Via Videoconference**

RE: SB 1298, RELATING TO GLASS CONTAINERS

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **opposes** SB 1298 which increases the advance disposal fee collected on glass containers to 5¢ and removes the exemption for glass deposit beverage containers.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing 2,000+ 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.

The Chamber understands the benefits of a sustainable future and the role Hawaii plays in protecting our environment and increasing energy efficiency, but we must also refrain from imposing unnecessary burdens that will create unintended consequences on businesses and entrepreneurs.

Glass recycling in the State is subsidized by two programs -- non-deposit glass recycling is subsidized by the advanced disposal fee program, and deposit beverage container glass recycling is subsidized by the deposit beverage container program. Each program requires that its glass be processed and marketed separately.

In audits completed in March 2019, [Report No. 19-08](https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2019/19-08.pdf)¹ and in 2015 in [Report No. 15-02](https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2015/15-02.pdf)², both reports found that recommendations made by the auditor should be implemented to improve functionality and increase success of both programs. These programs are crucial to the efficiency of recycling in Hawaii and will continue to encourage the public to recycle. Until the recommendations are seriously considered to improve operations, the Chamber cannot support this measure and must oppose.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

¹ <https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2019/19-08.pdf>

² <https://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2015/15-02.pdf>

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 11:08:24 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
edward v frazer	Testifying for friends of pohoiki,zero waste,big island precious plastic, recycle hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Yes !! We live on an island and need to do everything to avoid spoiling it for our keiki .NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!

In Europe your bottles are brought to the store whole and replaced with a bottle of what you buy or you pay 1\$ for the new bottle plus the cost of the contents. They are not discarded. They are refilled like soda and milk etc. were before when I was a kid



February 16, 2021

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole
Chair, Senate Committee on Health

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Health

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Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 1298

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker and Members of Committee:

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I offer the following **testimony in strong opposition to Senate Bill 1298**, which would more than triple the advance disposal fee (ADF) for glass containers (from one and a half cents to five cents). We are in equal opposition to the removal of the current ADF exemption for glass bottles covered in the state's bottle bill program.

GPI is the North American trade association for the glass container manufacturers, glass recyclers and suppliers to the industry. Our member companies produce the vast majority of US food and beverage glass containers purchased in grocery stores and retail outlets.

Glass is an environmentally friendly, endlessly recyclable and sustainable package with a recycled content rate nationwide of about 30%. Its recovery rate of 60% in Hawaii's bottle bill program is more than twice the national recycling average.

GPI member companies consistently purchase glass containers collected from Hawaii's bottle bill recycling program, which are re-melted to make new bottles and jars for food and beverages.

The legislation's applicability of an increased five-cent ADF fee to glass beverage containers in the bottle bill program is unwarranted. Our beverage

manufacturers and brands with products in the bottle bill program already pay a one-cent per container handling fee. An additional five-cents would substantially increase their financial costs in a volume-based business with generally tight margins. As a federally designated essential business operation, this fee would be another stress for our glass container manufacturing, supply and customer operating chains.

The proposed ADF increase and expansion to all and previously exempt glass containers would provide a clear financial incentive for brands to increase the amount of plastic packaging they choose for their food and beverages for import into the state. This is in stark contrast to Members across the Hawaii legislature seeking ways to reduce the amount of plastic packaging throughout the islands.

GPI would welcome an opportunity to collaborate with state officials and other stakeholders to address recycling infrastructure needs. We recognize that municipal budgets remain under stress for recycling and solid waste programs, but believe Senate Bill 1298 may drive brands to less sustainable packaging solutions.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony to Senate Bill 1298. I encourage you to reach out with questions you may have, or to further discuss our concerns with this legislation.

Sincerely,



Scott DeFife
President

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February 16, 2021

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Senate Committee on Health
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Re: SB 1298 Relating to Glass Containers
Hearing Date: February 17, 2021

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Liquor Wholesalers Association respectfully submits the following written testimony in **opposition** to SB 1298 Relating to Glass Containers.

Section 1 would amend HRS Section 342G-82 (a) by increasing the advance disposal fee from one and one half cents per glass container to five cents, an increase **in excess of 233%**. Section 2 removes the exemption for glass deposit beverage containers.

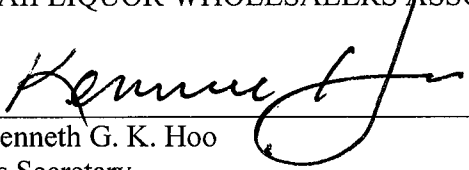
There is no showing that this large increase in fees is necessary to increase funding for the glass recycling program, and there has been no showing that the increase is properly correlated to actual or necessary program costs. There has no accounting for all the deposits that have been paid under this program to show whether the funds collected have been effectively used. An audit should be done first before any consideration is given to increase the disposal fee and removal of the exemption.

This bill will only result in higher costs for products which ultimately will be borne by Hawaii residents. In these times, businesses are already trying to lower costs and this bill will adversely affect our businesses and residents.

Based on the above, we respectfully oppose SB 1298. Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

HAWAII LIQUOR WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION

By: 
Kenneth G. K. Hoo
Its Secretary

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Submitted on: 2/15/2021 4:23:23 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Evan Lam	Testifying for Qan LLC.	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I stand in full support raising the Advanced Disposal Fee to 5 cents per container. As a young, local climate entrepreneur, I see our collection systems struggling to keep up with a growing mountain of waste, much of which doesn't have to be waste. Increasing public funding will go a long way to increase the competent and localized handling of glass containers which are reusable and truly recyclable unlike many plastic containers.

Now, more than ever, we need to treat natural resources with the value they hold as they extracted from our planet in ever increasing amounts. These resources are not free and, thus, ought to be valued from start to finish. In addition, an increased fee can go a long way towards making more circular economy capacity possible. An example would be having access to the funding which would make a bottle washing and reuse program feasible or capturing broken glass for use in construction materials.

A critical increase in funding can do a lot to make the urgent need for sustainability that much closer to becoming a reality. Please, vote in support of SB1298.

Kind Regards,

Evan



February 17, 2021

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

DATE: February 17, 2021
TIME: 1:05 p.m.
PLACE: Via videoconference

RE: Testimony in support of SB1298 relating to glass containers

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee,

Zero Waste Big Island (ZWBI) is a community group advocating for an equitably waste-free Hawai'i. We, the steering committee of ZWBI, are in strong support of SB1298, which increases the advance disposal fee collected on glass containers to five cents.

Effective since September 1, 1994, the Hawaii Advanced Disposal Fee (ADF) program has not changed the 1.5 cents fee imposed on glass containers in 27 years. Last year, Hawai'i County Department of Environmental Management received about \$175k in grant money from the Department of Health for reimbursement of our glass recycling program funded through the ADF fees. This grant money unfortunately never is enough to cover the cost of the program, usually running out less than half way into the fiscal year. Each year our glass recycling program is threatened to be halted if it can not be fully funded and when funded, it is taking money from other waste diversion programs. Increasing the ADF fees from 1.5 cents to 5 cents would mean a dramatic increase in funds vital for the continuation of our glass recycling program.

With only a single landfill with limited capacity in operation on Hawai'i Island, we need to ensure we maintain programs like our glass recovery program that divert disposed products from the landfill.

Mahalo for receiving our testimony,

Zero Waste Big Island Steering Committee

Jennifer Navarra
Melody Euaparadorn
Monica Rott Stone

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Submitted on: 2/13/2021 4:06:06 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Briana Rodrique	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of raising the fee to 5 cents, in order to cover the cost of the recycling program and hopefully expand it.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2021 4:07:07 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please Support This Bill. We need to support and implement zero waste initiatives and move FAR AWAY FROM PLASTIC as rapidly as possible, to do this, we need to fund programs to properly reuse alternatives such as glass. This Bill is important for this.
Mahalo

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/13/2021 4:11:42 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rodger Hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please Support This Bill. We need to make recycling programs of glass financially workable so the programs will Grow.

Mahalo.

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/13/2021 4:21:22 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The lack of recycling ability in Hawaii County has created a great increase in the waste stream in the past 2 years. By raising the upfront cost for glass containers to 5 cents we should be able to dramatically increase the reuse potential for glass containers. In these times of scarce state revenues this funding will be even more important. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2021 5:10:59 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Selah levine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this for improved glass recycling in hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2021 6:01:25 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Diaz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: Senator [Donovan M. Dela Cruz](#),
2/12/21
Senate Ways & Means Committee

Chair, Hawaii

& Senator [Jarrett Keohokalole](#)
State Senate Health Committee

RE: SB1298

Hawaii

Aloha esteemed Sen. Dela Cruz, Sen. Keohokalole and Senate Committee Members:

I strongly support SB1298 to increase state funding to glass recycling recovery programs. Currently, our state collects only \$.015 on each glass container. In 2020, Hawaii County got about \$175k for our glass recycling program, which did not cover costs. We are asking the state to increase the fee to \$.05. This will more than triple the amount our counties receive to recycle glass. For Hawaii County it is enough to underwrite glass reuse programs, like bottle washing and other more sustainable programs. WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER ADDING LIQUOR & WINE BOTTLES TO THE HI5 PROGRAM SO THAT MORE BOTTLES ARE TURNED IN.

To prevent more damage to our HONUA, we must support & implement zero waste initiatives to move QUICKLY AWAY FROM PLASTIC. Hawaii's landfills are full of glass & plastic materials not recycled and our marine life is ingesting toxic microplastics. To protect our environment, we need to INCREASE FUNDING programs to properly reuse alternatives to plastic such as glass.

Mahalo Nui Loa to Senators San Buenaventura, Acasio, Chang, Rhoads, and Shimabukuro, for introducing SB1298 and for all Senators' commitment to protecting our aina and kai, which is so critically important to our economy, and health for Hawaii.

**Malama i ka
aina,
i ka kai,**

Malama

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Submitted on: 2/13/2021 6:32:06 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon willeford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We must recycle !

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Submitted on: 2/13/2021 8:12:41 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Please support increasing the fee on glass bottles. This will more than triple the funds going to the counties. Hawai'i County will be able to afford glass reuse programs, like bottle washing and other more sustainable programs. Plastic is permeating our environment--we need alternatives!

mahalo,

Cory Harden

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Submitted on: 2/13/2021 8:50:18 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The counties need the revenue to afford the recycling program. Please support passage.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 5:23:25 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary True	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support anything which will help with our recycling efforts on this island.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 8:32:07 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Koohan Paik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We are in a global environmental crisis, with plastic manufacture, consumption and waste being one of the primary culprits and reasons for species extinction, especially for marine life. As an island and as a society, we must move as FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE from plastic anything. SUPPORT BILL 1298!!

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/14/2021 9:47:24 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chezlani Casar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill, as it represents an investment in glass recycling in Hawaii. Glass is much more easily recycled than plastic; it can be recycled over and over countless times, unlike plastic. It's well past time that we stop supporting so much use of plastic, especially as we already know it is not well recycled and is polluting our oceans and marine life. This bill is very important. Mahalo.

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/14/2021 9:59:13 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Schmautz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB1298. We need more recycling in our land not less!

Mahalo,

Mike

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 10:29:33 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cherie Okada-Carlson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We live on ISLANDS in the MOST REMOTE area on the PLANET. We do not have unlimited landfill space. Glass is highly recyclable and we need to NOT ONLY KEEP our recycling program, but update it. Importers haven't had ADF/Advanced Disposal Fees changes in almost 30 years. It is incomprehensible how stuck and backwards our State is while saying they are broke/underfunded and threatens cuts on services, programs, and furooughing employees. Passing SB1298 is a necessary start in bringing our State into the 21st century.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 11:14:19 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jeanne wheeler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to keep glass recycling going in our Islands, please pass this bill! Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 11:19:27 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roseann Michaud	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill as it will encourage more people to recycle glass beverage containers instead of them going into the landfill. It will also generate revenue to support recycling in our state.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 12:36:29 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Henry Makizuru	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the increase in the ADF.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 1:02:41 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kim Simpson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to care for the aina; reusing glass is one way we can do that. We need to keep this program going.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 1:09:55 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harriet Burkholder	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill. We must start reusing and recycling glass as a way to move away from plastic use. Glass is environmentally friendly and its use must be encouraged for packaging.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 1:47:44 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linnea Lindley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB1298. we must not lose the glass recycling program

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 1:56:18 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nako'olani Warrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please PASS SB 1298 that will support and implement zero waste initiatives. Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 2:22:30 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB1298 will more than triple the amount the counties get for glass recovery. For Hawaii County that is enough to underwrite sustainable glass reuse programs.

The fee was set and \$.015 nearly 28 years ago. It is past time to increase it to \$.05.

Please support and implement zero waste initiatives that move us AWAY from single use plastics as rapidly as possible, to do this, we need to fund programs to properly reuse alternatives such as glass.

Plastic IS toxic pollution. It is in our air, our water, our land, our food, and it is DESTROYING our oceans. The web of life - the food chain is on the verge of collapse in our oceans.

We need to END our reliance on plastics by choosing more sustainable options NOW.

To create lasting solutions we need capital to implement and sustain programs that end our dependence on plastic . That's what this bill is designed to do.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 2:42:41 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helmut Klauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 2:55:53 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark A. Koppel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SB1298

Mark Koppel

Umauma, HI

Aloha Honorable Legislators,

Everyone knows we generate too much plastic. It fills up our landfills, kills our fish, etc.

The alternative, of course, is GLASS, which can be easily recycled.

We need SB1298 passed to encourage the recycling of glass.

Mahalo

Mark Koppel

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/14/2021 4:25:34 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jack Zimmerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly urge you to support SB1298...We must have the resources to process glass in a renewable manner so we can eliminate plastics entirely and reverse the pollution of the environment now taking place. this bill will provide the necessary funds to accomplish this important goal.

Please pass this bill!!!!

Jack Zimmerman

Honola`a Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 4:27:44 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly Support!

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 5:11:27 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Len Gambla	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I understand that the current amount collected is not sufficient to cover basic costs. This bill would increase the fee by roughly 300% and will enable Hawaii County at a minimum to cover expenditures. If that is correct, I support this venture as I would like to also incentivize the County to move away from plastics.

Mahalo, Len Gambla

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 5:11:45 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
linda willaby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We need to support and implement zero waste initiatives and move FAR AWAY FROM PLASTIC as rapidly as possible, to do this, we need to fund programs to properly reuse alternatives such as glass.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 7:55:27 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Christopher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill will help our island move away from plastics that can not be recycled and clog our dumps.

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Submitted on: 2/14/2021 9:39:56 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

please don't let our state lose another recycling program. Glass recycling is low hanging fruit. how in the world can we expect to survive on the planet, no less islands, if we don't figure out how to reuse the simplest material?

please vote "yes" on SB1298.

mahalo and sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

kailua-kona

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 6:29:58 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Whittemore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

i support SB 1298 to increase the amount collected for glass containers.
We live on an island and need to do all we can to support recycling efforts.

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 7:42:22 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen Motherwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We desperatly need to have this bill. Our Aina is being overrun with rubbish. This can at least stem some of the flow. If not it will eventually end up in our oceans. We must do more beforevit is too late!

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 8:32:16 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Ward	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am strongly in support of this measure, because glass can measurably reduce the amount of non-recycled plastic in our wastestream. It is critical to us as a species on the planet that we stop putting plastic in the ocean, air and water. Glass re-use and recycling can only be encouraged if we support the collection and reuse, and this bill offer an opportunity to improve our current system. Please support this bill! Mahalo!

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 9:13:43 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherrell Watson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill so we can continue to recycle glass, and not have it end up in our landfills. Hawaii needs to do more in reducing waste. This is just as important for the environment as getting power from renewable energy.

Mahalo,

Sherrell Watson

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 11:27:03 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alison J Hartley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Glass is the best recyclable packaging available at this time and must remain reused, not in landfills. Raising costs to cover recycling is reasonable and responsible.

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 12:01:08 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zara Nicholson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Chair, Vice-Chair, Members of the Committee,

My name is Zara Nicholson and I am testifying in support of SB1298.

I believe this bill will create a great positive impact in our community. Increasing the disposal fee collected on glass containers will incentivise the public to recycle their glass and will help keep our land and home clean and safe. Please push this bill to be passed.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity,

Zara Nicholson, CPA

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 12:40:04 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Garland	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support SB1298.

Mahalo,

Emily

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 1:38:20 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support SB 1298. Our landfills are already over filled with recyclables and we don't need hundreds of tons of glass in our landfills too! Recycle!

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 2:46:23 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Dudley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support any and all bills that support the continuation of recycling in Hawai'i nei. Let's do even more than that and be a model to the world of what sustainability can look like. Thank you for your hard work, we appreciate it.

Mahalo nui loa,

Emily Dudley and Ohana

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 5:07:46 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roger Harris	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support the passage of this bill.

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/15/2021 5:31:45 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Stone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

.TO: Whoever cares about the well being of our Island

Aloha e,

My name is Michael D. Stone, I am a graduate student in the Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science Program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo studying the global impacts of plastic pollution.

First, I would like to thank you all for this opportunity for my voice to be heard. I hope by doing so I can help the cause and get more fellow colleagues and students familiar with the process of exercising our voice within the community. I am in STRONG support of SB1298

As of October 16, 2019, paper & plastic materials were no longer accepted in Hawai'i. As you can imagine this action by our county did not translate well within the residents or neighboring islands. The state of Hawai'i prides itself on our recognition & appreciation of its land we call home. We strive as a county to be stewards of the land while being environmentally conscious, like our ancestors who lived here before us.

I am choosing to support SB1298 in any way that my power will allow me. This would more than triple the amount of money going into our glass recovery program. This will prove to be advantageous not only for the already overwhelmed recycling & waste system here in Hawai'i but also, the environmental health of the land. No waste or recycling station in the world is equipped to deal with the ever-increasing volume of garbage we are creating. Furthermore, composting is a natural and sustainable way to make use of our food scraps while sequestering carbon in our soil.

Without a doubt, there is enough literature and evidence to convince anyone who reads that Humans' unsustainable waste culture is extreme. To see a significant change, we must act locally and within our own communities. The time to act is now, this starts with meaningful and authentic decision making by our governmental leaders. Our community elected them, so it is their job to listen. The people of Hawai'i have always been progressive on the issues regarding the environment, and I hope we can continue to keep that legacy of protecting our land and oceans.

Mahalo for your time and consideration on an issue impacting all walks of life.

Michael D. Stone

UH Hilo Masters Candidate

Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science (TCBES)

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Submitted on: 2/15/2021 10:08:38 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vanessa Lee Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support SB1298. The entire chain of Hawaii nei is in desperate need of further awareness from all communities of the limited space we live on and the urgent need to care for our precious land and ocean. We were proud to support the courageous and game-changing journey of the HÅ• kÅ«le'a and her brave crews around the world, her mission was "MÅ• lama 'Ä€ina", protect the land.

We are committed to continue the mission of HÅ• kÅ«le'a by looking after the land of her origin. Please support this mission by supporting SB1298.

Mahalo a nui

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 7:16:33 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katrina Berry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/16/2021 8:53:27 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Claire Gallinghouse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB1298. Our waste stream to the landfill must be minimized and this bill will support our efforts to do so.

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 9:38:51 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phaethon Keeney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha! Please SUPPORT SB1298! To have glass be a viable alternative to our overuse of plastic we need to have affordable and easy to implement options to reclaim and clean the resources we already have on island. This bill is a win win! Thank you!

Phaethon Keeney, Honokaa HI 96727

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 9:54:07 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherri Thal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a very important bill in that we desperately need the funding to implement enhanced reuse and recycling of glass in Hawaii.

It is crucial that we steer away from plastic use, and this bottle fee will help advance glass usage, reuse and recycling and lead to best practices such as bottle washing and bottle reuse.

I urge you to pass SB1298 and help reduce waste and make Hawaii leaders in recycling and reuse.

Mahalo,

Sherri Thal, Kea'au, HI 96749

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 11:14:28 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chuck Flaherty	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Mr. Chair and members of the Senate Health Committee,

I am testifying in strong support of SB1298.

It is critical that we remove and recycle as much material as we can from our waste streams if we are to reduce the cumulative effects of pollution.

Mahalo,

Chuck Flaherty

Captain Cook HI

SB-1298

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:21:38 PM

Testimony for HTH on 2/17/2021 1:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill!

The purpose of SB1298 is to dramatically increase the amount of money going towards glass recovery programs. Currently, the state collects \$.015 on each glass container. Last year, Hawaii County got about \$175k for their glass recycling program. This was not enough to cover the costs. We are asking the state to increase the fee to \$.05. This will more than triple the amount the counties get. For Hawaii County it is enough to underwrite glass reuse programs, like bottle washing and other more sustainable programs. We need to support and implement zero waste initiatives and move FAR AWAY FROM PLASTIC as rapidly as possible, to do this, we need to fund programs to properly reuse alternatives such as glass.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona HI 96740