

EACP Committee

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Aloha Kakou,
Please find my testimony in support of EACP-16 on behalf of Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, attached.
Mahalo
Hannah

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March 12, 2020

TO: Maui County Council Chair Alice Lee
Vice Chair Keani Rawlins Fernandez
Council Members

SUBJECT: Support for EACP-16

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and members of the Council,

My name is Hannah Bernard and I am Executive Director and Co-Founder of Hawai'i Wildlife Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to once again submit my support for EACP Committee Chair Shane Sinenci's proposed bill Restricting the Use and Sale of Single-Use Plastic Disposable Foodware (EACP-16).

HWF has removed over 300 tons of marine debris from the shores of Hawai'i Island, Maui, Midway and the French Frigate Shoals together with the participation and support of thousands of volunteers, local businesses, management agencies and other NGOs.

In 2018 and 2019, we removed 79,614 lbs during 78 cleanup events – the majority of this debris (over 90%) - is made of plastic.

Although much of the debris that we see on beaches like Kamilo on Hawai'i Island, Ka'ehu here on Maui, and Kahuku on O'ahu **does** wash in from other places, some of it is local, and other beaches along our leeward coastlines of all islands are more impacted from land-based (local) sources of debris. Since it's from us, then we can do something about stopping it. Ideally, we will eventually turn off the flow of plastics polluting our shores completely, but in the meantime, we can take steps to mitigate the problem, like EACP-16 will do. Like our plastic bag ban did in 2011 and our polystyrene ban did in 2019. Single-use plastic foodware items are something that we can do without - there are already viable alternatives for the items planned for this phaseout. But single-use plastics are something that our ocean and marine wildlife **MUST** do without, or we will end up with more plastics than fish in the sea.

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If anything, I would humbly suggest that you strengthen this bill by taking polystyrene ice chests (foam coolers) out of our system as well.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hannah Bernard", is placed over a light gray rectangular background.

Hannah Bernard
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Hawai'i Wildlife Fund