

IEM Committee

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Subject: Protect Maui's Coral Reefs!

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a local Kihei resident and I have watched many people on the beach applying harmful sunscreens/lotions and sprays on their bodies and then go right into the water. The prevailing scientific studies have shown the damage of harmful chemicals like oxybenzone and octinoxate and what they have done to our precious reefs. These same chemicals are contained in the "non-reef friendly" sunscreens and lotions used by many tourists and some locals alike.

This much needed bill comes almost too late for the reefs and the ocean animals...PLEASE pass this bill to stop the bleaching of our reefs! Our reefs are a large draw for our tourist economy so it only makes sense to protect them!

Mahalo,
Grady Turner