

IEM Committee

From: Renee LeClaire-Wortman <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 6:26 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

I just signed Surfrider Foundation: Maui Chapter's petition "[Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers](#)" on Change.org.

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Sincerely,
Renee LeClaire-Wortman Coupeville, Washington

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From: Shane Malner <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 5:42 AM
To: IEM Committee
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Sincerely,
Shane Malner Long Beach, California

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From: Skye Coe <mauisky1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 3:50 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.26, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS".

Aloha Honorable Council-members,

There is much confusion among kama'aina residents about whether or not Styrofoam containers accepted in the 'three can plan' areas are actually recycled. Are they or aren't they??

That considered, a majority of those dispensed by merchants are purchased by visitors and those not in 'three can plan' area and have no option for recycling them if they are recyclable.

Beyond that even when recycled they are destructive to environment in their manufacturing process. There are so many affordable options available to replace these, that banning Styrofoam as per the information I've received on the proposal mentioned, ending it's use on our tiny island that requires shipping our waste elsewhere for processing, seems to be a very WISE decision.

Hopefully you will vote accordingly!

Mahalo Nui Mike Victorino for proposing this!

Malama Ke 'Aina)'(Skye Coe

IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS

DESCRIPTION: The Committee is in receipt of County Communication 13-29, from Councilmember Victorino, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.26, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE

FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS". The purpose of the proposed bill is to prohibit the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers by food providers in the County of Maui.

STATUS: The Committee may consider whether to recommend passage of the proposed bill on first reading, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider the filing of County Communication 13-29 and other related action.

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From: Susan Cole Halevi <colehalevi@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 6:48 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support for IEM-5

I am a resident of Haiku, Maui. I am writing to support IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS.

I am strongly in favor of regulating polystyrene (styrofoam) food service containers. This substance is not biodegradable or compostable. Worse still, marine animals and birds eat polystyrene, which can damage their health and even lead to death. As responsible citizens of Maui County, we must protect the health and welfare of our natural environment, marine life and bird populations, and also keep this substance out of our landfills. Please vote in favor of IEM-5 regarding the regulation of polystyrene food service containers.

Thank you.

Susan (Suki) Halevi

IEM Committee

From: Teresa Massoth <alohamaui2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 11:52 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Ban Polystyrene Containers

To whom it may concern:

I support a ban be put on use of Polystyrene containers in Maui County for better health of all living beings.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha Teresa

IEM Committee

From: Thomas Craig <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 8:55 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

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Sincerely,
Thomas Craig Makawao, Hawaii

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From: William Rice <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 8:24 AM
To: IEM Committee
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Sincerely,
William Rice Haiku-Pauwela, Hawaii

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From: Wilson Angel <alohawil@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 9:32 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: I support banning polystyrene

I am in support of the proposed bill to ban polystyrene containers in Maui county. It's discouraging to see pieces and pieces of polystyrene floating in the water, in the sand, along roadsides, etc, etc. It's like plastic: it takes a long time to breakdown. It hurts the wildlife consuming it mistakenly for food. It litters the community and it's not pretty to see the islands being a trash bin; let alone its environmental degradation.

Mahalo.

Wilson Angel, Kihei resident

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From: Yasemin Hepaksoy <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 8:19 AM
To: IEM Committee
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Sincerely,
Yasemin Hepaksoy Stockholm, Stockholms län, Sverige,

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From: Nicole Brown <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 27, 2014 5:53 PM
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Sincerely,
Nicole Brown Kula, Hawaii

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From: Al Cohen <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:24 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers

Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

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Sincerely,
Al Cohen Kihei, Hawaii

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From: Amelia Coleing <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 7:07 AM
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Sincerely,
Amelia Coleing Holsworthy, United Kingdom

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From: ANGELA Thullner <mail@changemail.org>
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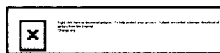
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Sincerely,
ANGELA Thullner Wien, Austria

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From: animal lover <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 4:57 AM
To: IEM Committee
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animal lover cumbria, United Kingdom

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From: Barbara klucsar <mail@changemail.org>
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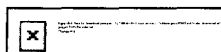
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Sincerely,
Barbara klucsar Blaine, Minnesota

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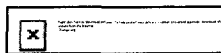
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Sincerely,
Barbara Mehlstaub Piesting,

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IEM Committee

From: Bärbel Simon <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:48 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers

Dear Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

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Sincerely,
Bärbel Simon Wien, Austria

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IEM Committee

From: bob sigmund <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:37 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers

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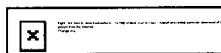
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Sincerely,
bob sigmund savannah, Georgia

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IEM Committee

From: carrleen klingenbeck <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 11:39 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

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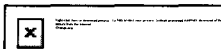
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Sincerely,
carrleen klingenbeck Mawawao, Hawaii

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IEM Committee

From: Chantal Buslot <mail@changemail.org>
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Sincerely,
Chantal Buslot Hasselt, Texas

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From: Chantal Buslot <mail@changemail.org>
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IEM Committee

From: Cindy Dumas <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 1:27 PM
To: IEM Committee
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Sincerely,
Cindy Dumas Westminster, California

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IEM Committee

From: Courtney Turner <makena42@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 12:07 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: IEM - 5

Aloha,

Yes, I support a ban on polysterene disposable containers. The plastic bag ban has been very effective and residents and businesses were able to adapt.

I am also ok w/ this provision: "Food providers will be able to apply for a one-year exemption if they can show that no reasonable alternative to polystyrene containers is available or if compliance with the ban would cause significant economic hardship. "

I would also like to see a zero waste policy implemented, with as much recycling or reusing possible to keep materials out of the landfill. I recycle a lot, take usable paint to Community Work Day, and take recycling materials from our neighbors so it doesn't go into the landfill.

Mahalo,

Courtney Turner

IEM Committee

From: ☞ Criss ☞ <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:10 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on polystyrene food service containers

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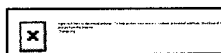
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IEM Committee

From: David Johnston <hawaiiidhr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 10:23 AM
To: IEM Committee

July 28

Dear Chair Elle Cochran and EIM members,

I strongly support these two measures and ask you to make them into law.

IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS
IEM-37 PRINCIPLES OF ZERO WASTE AS A WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

Mahalo,

David Johnston

Wailuku
PO Box 388
Puunene, HI 96784

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IEM Committee

From: dean otsuki <dolive2surf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 4:49 PM
To: IEM Committee; Gladys Baisa; Robert Carroll; Elle Cochran; Don Couch; Stacy S. Crivello; Donald S. Guzman; Riki Hokama; Michael Victorino; Mike White
Subject: IEM-5 testimony, pertaining to polystyrene disposable food service containers
Attachments: IEM-5_July28.2014.doc

Dear County of Maui council members,

Please accept my testimony in support of IEM-5 Pertaining to polystyrene disposable food service containers. Sorry it is late.

Sincerely,
Dean Otsuki

IEM Committee

From: Elisabeth Shalfoun <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:56 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers

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Sincerely,
Elisabeth Shalfoun Montreal, Canada

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IEM Committee

From: Harry Nakagawa <harryn@mauichem.net>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 3:38 PM
To: IEM Committee
Cc: Kit Zulueta
Subject: FW: IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE ORDINANCE
Attachments: 20140728 PUBLIC HEARING REMARKS - POLYSTYRENE BAN.doc

7/28/2014

Please find remarks sent earlier in error to Kit Zulueta.

Thank you;

Harry T. Nakagawa
Maui Chemical & Paper Products, Inc.
875 Alua Street, Wailuku, HI 96793
Ph: (808) 244-4251 Fax: (808) 242-6722
EMAIL: harryn@mauichem.net

From: Kit Zulueta [<mailto:Kit.Zulueta@mauicounty.us>]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 3:17 PM
To: Harry Nakagawa
Subject: RE: IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE ORDINANCE

Mr. Nakagawa,

My apologies for this inconvenience, for procedural purposes, kindly forward your testimony to iem.committee@mauicounty.us?

I can do so but the "from" field must come from the actual testifier.

Mahalo!

From: Harry Nakagawa [<mailto:harryn@mauichem.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 11:21 AM
To: Kit Zulueta
Subject: IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE ORDINANCE

7/28/2014

Kit;

I intend to attend the hearing scheduled at 1:30pm this afternoon, but I am not sure if I will be able to remain for the whole session, therefore I have attached some comments I wanted to share with the committee.

Thank you;

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DATE: 7/28/2014

TO: Councilmember Elle Cochran
Chair – Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee
County of Maui

SUBJECT: IEM-5 PROPOSED REGULATION OF POLYSTYRENE
DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS

True, we should all be concerned about protecting our Environment. Maui's marine life and bird population contribute to the appeal our island home offers our visitors and residents alike. This is not an issue that should be debated. However, there are some issues of this ordinance that should be addressed.

The objective as stated in the proposed ordinance, "to relieve already overburdened landfills", is inaccurate and misleading. Misleading because at this time, all food service disposables not recycled, end up in the landfill. Therefore, would it not be more responsible for the County of Maui to provide options that will create more alternative methods to divert the trash from our landfill? Some examples would be H-Power plants used on Oahu or development of a Commercial Composting site for Food Service Waste. The only thing this ordinance will do is delay the development of more effective alternatives, make voters feel "Warm and Fuzzy" because they think they have helped the environment, and to fill our landfill with more expensive trash.

Exemption A: Prepared foods that are prepared or packaged entirely outside of the County. Why should a business, that employs Maui Residents, be forced to use less competitive packaging when competing against an "Out of County" competitor? Shouldn't the exemption allow for a Maui business to allow the use of polystyrene packaging to remain competitive?

Thank you;

Harry Nakagawa
Vice President – Maui Chemical and Paper Products, Inc.

IEM Committee

From: Jacquelyn Stewman <js@mauilaw.us>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 9:12 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: YES to Ban styrofoam food containers

Dear Respectable Chair Elle Cochran and EIM members:

I strongly support these two measures and ask you please support them as well:

IEM-5 POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS
IEM-37 PRINCIPLES OF ZERO WASTE AS A WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

Mahalo,

Jacquelyn Stewman

Legal Assistant
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IEM Committee

From: Jax Metcalfe <mail@changemail.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 10:43 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers

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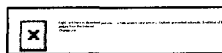
I just signed Pacific Whale Foundation's petition "[Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee: Support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers](http://www.change.org/petitions/infrastructure-and-environmental-management-committee-support-a-ban-on-the-use-and-sale-of-polystyrene-disposable-food-service-containers)" on Change.org.

Please support a ban on the use and sale of polystyrene disposable food service containers. Polystyrene is a serious threat to both the environment as well as public health. Commonly used in cheap food ware (plates, cups, 'clamshells', etc), polystyrene does not biodegrade and is responsible for leaching carcinogenic chemicals into food and the surrounding environment. Polystyrene has long been known to be detrimental to the environment, and is often spotted as unwelcome litter both on land and in water, due to its lightweight nature and disposability. In fact, McDonald's stopped using polystyrene containers for their hamburgers as far back as 1990. More and more cities across the country are banning the material, including Miami Beach, which just passed a ban on all Styrofoam products on July 24th. Made from petroleum, polystyrene products are never fully biodegraded and are made from a nonrenewable, rapidly disappearing resource. Their manufacture consumes much energy, and it is difficult to recycle the material. When polystyrene products make it to the ocean, they become harmful marine debris that is dangerous to ocean animals. Polystyrene products are not only dangerous for marine life; they pose a health risk to humans as well. In 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services listed styrene as a substance "reasonably anticipated to be a carcinogen". Polystyrene food containers, often received with take-out orders or hot beverages, can leach this toxin when in contact with hot foods or liquids. Compostable products are an economically viable and eco-friendly alternative to polystyrene. These products are non-toxic, plant-based and carried by every distributor in Hawai'i. Bills such as a ban on polystyrene food containers are important in reducing our dependency on single use plastics, while also improving environmental and public health.

Sincerely,
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