

EACP Committee

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Aloha EACP Committee,

I am in favor of EACP-16 which would restrict the use and sale of plastic disposable food ware.

While important, you must also consider the verbiage “and encourage the use of environmentally friendly preferred alternatives.”

It is not enough to choose a compostable alternative when your two lead compost facilities are suffering and close to ending. While I understand you have had persistent testimony in this subject by tenacious testifiers, It is not enough to restrict this item without seriously considering supporting your composters.

I believe, this item deserves a communication on to itself.

To date, Maui County has three lead composters and two are on the brink of closing, one has a contract that is set to end in July and one has severe new water issues.

Please keep them in your purview as you makes decisions moving forward. Please ensure that they forever have a place in your planning, whether it be environmental department or recycling department, this important area of composting has never had the depth of attention it has deserved.

Noting that, yes, West side has its Lahaina school composting project, but in the scheme of things, this is minute for the level of compostable material that Maui produces. I will convey that pilot projects at every school should always be supported but that the tourism industry has not whole heartedly dealt fairly with the amount of wet waste or the “green stream” that is produced.

While exciting trash to energy solutions appear to be making traction, this should never dismiss the education component to encourage reusables and biodegradable options.

Seriously, Faith Chase
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