



MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

Testimony on IEM-12

Re: Updates to Chapter 16.3, Maui County Code, Relating to Commercial Signs
Before the Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee
Monday, May 15, 2017

Dear Chair Cochran, Vice Chair Guzman &
Members of the Committee

Aloha and Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce readily supported the initial plastic bag ban because the flight of the thinner bags was a considerable problem. While we understand that our County is looking to reduce litter in a variety of ways, we feel this initiative needs more study on the impacts that this will have on the retail industry and other small businesses, many of whom are still using these heavier plastic bags, before this bill moves forward.

We encourage this committee to reach out to the retail community and engage them in the process for a fair and balanced review of this bill. We sent this out to a number of commercial property managers to share with their retail tenants and many were unaware that this bill existed.

Further, we implore the County to consider expanded litter control and recycling programs before continuing to consider additional bans.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

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President

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