

## IEM Committee

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**From:** Corinne Peace <peace.corinne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 14, 2017 7:27 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Support bills phasing out the sale of sunscreens containing oxybenzone & octinoxate

Dear Committee Council Members,

Please support bills phasing out the sale of sunscreens containing oxybenzone & octinoxate.

Scientific studies indicate these chemicals harm corals, which are already threatened by multiple stressors like climate change and agricultural runoff. Healthy coral reefs are integral to Maui's well being. Corals protect Maui's shoreline and are critical to your economy, recreation and fisheries.

I was a resident of Maui for many years, and have been called to the mainland to care for an aging parent. Sometimes it takes leaving a beloved place to fully recognize the gem Maui's natural resources are.

Maui needs to take the lead in responsible tourism to protect the reason people visit and want to live on Maui.

Stressor's on Maui's reefs will only increase as the oceans warm. We need to give coral all the support we can in the hoped healthy reefs will be more resilient.

I ask you to be wise leaders to care for beautiful Maui today.

thank you,

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