

IEM Committee

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Aloha,

On behalf of Dexter Yamada, President of KYD, Inc, please accept the attached testimony for:

IEM-12, A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 20.18 Maui County Code, Relating to Plastic Bag Reduction
IEM Committee Hearing
Monday, May 15 – 1:30 pm
Maui County Council

Please contact me if there are any questions about the testimony submittal.

Thank you,
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IEM-12, A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 20.18 Maui County Code, Relating to Plastic Bag Reduction
Monday, May 15, 2017 – 1:30 PM
Written Testimony by: Dexter Yamada

Position: Oppose

Chair Cochran and Members of the Maui Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee:

I am Dexter Yamada, President of KYD, Inc. dba: K. Yamada Distributors. KYD, Inc. is a local family run business that originated in the 1940's as a florist and florist supply distributor, and in 1958, evolved into a packaging company. Today, KYD, Inc and its sister company, Hawaii Foam Products, LLC, employ about 90 employees and contribute to Hawaii's economy through taxes and payroll. Our companies manufacture and distribute food packaging materials and distribute a variety of supplies for food processors, food establishments, supermarkets, hotels, hospitals and other institutions.

IEM-12 will only allow for use of reusable bags that are made of cloth or washable fabric and prohibit businesses from providing customers with plastic bags at any time, not just at the point-of-sale. This means that many of the reusable bags, which are made from woven plastic, and used many times over, will also be prohibited. These bags use polypropylene which is listed as an environmentally preferred material for shopping bags.

We support a 10 cent fee to all single use bags, which we understand is a proven way for businesses to provide customers a choice and serves as a monetary deterrent to plastic bag usage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

