

## IEM Committee

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**From:** cindy williams <cindymaui@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 10:58 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** I support a ban on personal care products containing oxybenzone and octinoxate

Aloha members of the Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

I am writing to express my support for a Maui County ban on personal care products containing oxybenzone and octinoxate. I am especially concerned about the negative impacts of these products on our fragile coral reefs. Please help move this bill forward.

Please consider this:

Oxybenzone and octinoxate are found in many popular sunscreens. Even in small amounts, these chemicals quickly cause coral bleaching, damage coral DNA (which slows coral growth) and harm coral larvae.

Up to 14,000 tons of sunscreen wash off beachgoers and snorkelers and wind up in coral reef areas of the ocean every year.

**A solution for Maui County:**

There's no need for oxybenzone and octinoxate sunscreen products. Alternative products provide broad spectrum sun protection without harming our reefs. Rash guards also offer effective sun protection.

**Many companies who produce the harmful sunscreens to the reefs, also provide non harmful ones and we can still support those companies.**

I hope you support the ban on certain sunscreens that contain these ingredients, our oceans are dying and it's not too late to do the research and help keep what we have left intact and healthy to regenerate our beautiful kai.

Thank you,

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