

IEM Committee

From: Patti Hawkins <patti.janet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 4:49 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 a long distance open-ocean swimmer and I have been swimming in the ocean around Maui for the past 30 years. Over this time I have witnessed the dramatic decline of Maui's coral reef. With the decline of the coral reef comes the decline in the reef fish populations and eventually the decline of the tourists flocking to Maui to see the tropical fish.

I urge the County Council to ban all personal care products containing oxybenzone and octinoxate due to their harmful effects on our coral reef. Please do the right thing for our marine environment and help move this bill forward.

Mahalo,

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