

IEM Committee

From: Marge Bonar <margebonar@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 9:46 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: video link to spread

The attached link would be very interesting to all committee members with questions about plastic impact on the environment. While the most obvious pieces are bottle caps, due to the color and shape, the granular white piles are degraded foam.

This has been widely disseminated and may have been seen by members, but just in case not, it is a CNN production.

Mahalo,
Marge Bonar

<http://www.cnn.com/interactive/2016/12/world/midway-plastic-island/>

From: Tracy Mills <tracy.emills@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 8:09 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Styrofoam

Aloha,

If we walk into a restaurant and see they use styrofoam, we go somewhere else. Styrofoam is so insidious and it breaks down in such an ugly way for our already damaged environment, I believe it should NO LONGER be used in any way.

We have other and far better products to use aside from styrofoam. Let's use them!!!

Thank you for your time and your hard work!

Best regards--

Tracy Mills
Haiku

IEM Committee

From: Archer, Avereë <avarcher@kiheicharter.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 4:10 PM
To: County Clerk; IEM Committee; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Michael Victorino; Gladys Baisa; robert.carrol@mauicounty.us; Don Couch; Stacy S. Crivello; Elle Cochran; Riki Hokama
Subject: Maui County Council Letter

Aloha Maui County Council Members,

My name is Avereë Archer and I am a sophomore at Kihei Charter High School. I recently attended one of the hearings for banning polystyrene containers and felt I should share my view on the topic as well. Polystyrene foam is an issue here on Maui, and it is one we personally have to be most cautious of. The polystyrene containers supposedly take around 1 million years or more to decompose and take up space in any landfill here. Pieces of this foam and container also blow around with the strong winds and end up on our beautiful beaches and in our oceans. Living here on an island, we are surrounded by a wonderful ocean that is full of beautiful marine life. Small animals mistaken these pieces of foam for food and eat it without knowing how bad it is for them, thus killing thousands of animals. If not killing them, then we are hurting ourselves because many many people of Maui eat fish regularly. This issue of polystyrene products affects us all. Along with it being terrible for our oceans, it is also bad to leave for future generations.

Alternative to polystyrene containers could be plates and such made from plant fiber or clam shell. Our environment is something everyone much chip in to help; the cost raising by a few cents i'm sure won't matter in the long run for future generations. Simply using compostable containers would be a much better solution to ensure our stay here on Maui to be a pleasant one. We always think it's never too late to save the Earth and stop pollution, until it is. Please understand my love for Maui and the residents living here, I care for our oceans and future generations. This one easy step could lead to much more than we know.

Thank you for your time!

Mahalo,
Avereë Archer

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Thank You!

*Avereë Archer
10th Grade 2016-17*

IEM Committee

From: Ben Gershom, Penina <pbengershom@kiheicharter.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 10:00 PM
To: John Fitzpatrick; County Clerk; IEM Committee; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Michael Victorino; Gladys Baisa; robert.carrol@mauicounty.us; Don Couch; Stacy S. Crivello; Elle Cochran; Riki Hokama
Subject: IEM-05 Bill

Dear Maui County Council Members,

I am a sophomore at Kihei Charter School. My teacher, John Fitzpatrick recently taught us about the pros and cons of polystyrene. The main use of polystyrene is for take out containers, and sadly many Maui restaurants are using this harmful plastic. Polystyrene is a single use plastic, meaning that you can only use it once and then throw it away. Polystyrene, as well as other single use plastics, are not biodegradable and are gravely harming our oceans and wildlife. Non biodegradable containers never break down. They are forever stuck in our environment. Polystyrene is made from petroleum. Petroleum is a non renewable natural gas and emits greenhouse gas into the environment, promoting climate change. Knowing this scary information, I as a resident of Maui since birth, strongly support the proposed bill IEM-05. In my opinion, the cons of polystyrene exceedingly over weigh the pros. Many people are not aware as I was, of the danger that polystyrene poses to the environment. I encourage you to make the right decision to make a change for the better.

Sincerely,
Penina Ben Gershom

IEM Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 9:41 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Fw: Polystyrene ban

From: stephen rodgers <rockinr14@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2016 7:24 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Polystyrene ban

Aloha

Maui is utterly dependent on our reefs and surrounding waters. We must place our county in the forefront and ban polystyrene containers just like we did with plastic bags.

The naysayers said the sky would fall with the bag ban and its still up there. The same is true with polystyrene. We need to do everything we can to preserve our beautiful island and show everyone how it's done.

Sincerely

Stephen Rodgers

Kihei

Sent from my iPad

IEM Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 9:43 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Fw: Stop the foam

From: Bob Alessandrelli <RLA921@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2016 1:10 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Stop the foam

Aloha,

I sent the message below to the committee yesterday and read in today's Maui Times Mike White's column wherein he asked for comments.

I'm happy that the committee recommended eliminating Styrofoam and am writing to strongly encourage the Council to support this Styrofoam ban and make it the new policy.

Mahalo for your support, Council.

Bob Alessandrelli
Kahana Reef

From: Bob Alessandrelli
Sent: 12/3/2016 2:44 PM
To: iemcommittee@mauicounty.us
Subject: Stop the foam

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Stop the foam
From: Bob Alessandrelli <rla921@hotmail.com>
Sent: 12:47pm, Saturday, December 3, 2016
To: iemcommittee@mauicountyusa.com
CC:

As a West Maui Condo owner and part-time resident, I'm writing in support of the Styrofoam ban on our beautiful island. I realize that the committee meeting was last week but having only recently arriving back and reading about this situation I feel it's better to express my interest now rather than remaining silent just due to the date.

Mahalo for your support on this important issue.

Bob Alessandrelli
Kahana Reef

IEM Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 9:45 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Fw: Polystyrene bill support

From: Chris Brayton <chrisbrayton@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2016 9:33 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Polystyrene bill support

I fully support the ban of poly styrene food containers.

I have noticed that both Whole Foods and Cafe O Lei use bio degradable paper takeaway containers. Both of these companies have proactively made the right decision, without legislation forcing them to.

I would also like to see the ban of Styrofoam boogie boards and coolers that most tourists buy when they come to our island. They all get broken and end up in the ocean, and in our landfill.

IEM Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 3:51 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Fw: Polystyrene Ban

From: Thomas Glesne <i.tg@me.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2016 3:05 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Polystyrene Ban

I am a strong supporter of the ban on polystyrene containers. The plastic bag ban was a significant step - and a very successful one. We survived it and will certainly adapt to paper or bamboo or corn - based containers for plate lunches. Please add me as a supporter of this ban.

Thomas R. Glesne
Paia

IEM Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 3:53 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Fw: polystyrene ban

From: Randy Wagner <rixeywagner@mauiartel.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2016 2:56 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: polystyrene ban

Yes, I support the ban.
Thank you,

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IEM Committee

From: Mike Ottman <mike@myspectrum.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 7:29 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Polystyrene ban

Hello Maui IEM,

I am writing in support of the polystyrene ban. Having fished and enjoyed the beaches with my family for years, we are saddened by the large amounts of plastic and foam in and around the shorelines. After catching and cutting open many fish, I am terrified to see how many fish bellies hold foam pieces that can never be digested and keep the fish from eating properly. It's disgusting. We have to begin taking better care of our aina and, one step, is eliminating foam and moving towards biodegradable products that will help keep our beaches more pristine and our fish and shorelines healthier.

Regards,
Mike

Mike Ottman
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Paia, HI 96779

IEM Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 9:47 AM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Fw: Polystyrene ban

From: Shepherd Veterinary Clinic <doctord@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2016 6:07 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Polystyrene ban

I support the ban on polystyrene.
Diane Shepherd
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Doctord@hawaii.rr.com

Sent from my iPad

IEM Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 2:07 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Fw: Do the right thing and BAN POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS.

From: Tom <tbrayton@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 10:39 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Do the right thing and BAN POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS.

In my opinion there is no good reason not to ban polystyrene food containers.

Many responsible businesses have already done so. My wife and purchased our dinner at Whole Foods last night and they provided cardboard like bio degradable containers. We often bring home extra food from restaurant meals and many restaurants have already done the right thing no longer use polystyrene.

With eco friendly containers readily available ***do the right thing*** and **BAN POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS.**

Tom Brayton
Lahaina

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IEM Committee

From: Samantha Campbell <samantha.a.m.campbell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 12:49 PM
To: IEM Committee
Subject: Fwd: Support a Bill to Phase Out Polystyrene Food Containers

Please Support a Bill to Phase Out Polystyrene Food Containers

Paper and compostable food container cost is worth it to keep styrofoam out of our oceans and off the beaches!!!! So many of the snacks that families bring to the beach come pre-packaged in styrofoam, and it so easily blows away despite everyone's best efforts. The plastic bag ban has made the highways, beaches, and green space so much cleaner looking. Let's take the next step and phase out styrofoam!

Thank you,
Samantha Campbell
Paia resident

IEM Committee

From: Griffin, Aidan <agriffin@kiheicharter.org>
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 6:03 AM
To: County Clerk; IEM Committee; Mike White; Donald S. Guzman; Michael Victorino; Gladys Baisa; robert.carrol@mauicounty.us; Don Couch; Stacy S. Crivello; Elle Cochran; Riki Hokama
Subject: Maui Country Polystyrene Ban

Aloha, my name is Aidan Griffin, I am a student at Kihei Charter School, and I hope the Maui County Council will choose to go through with banning polystyrene products on the beautiful island of Maui.

What is polystyrene? It is a thermoplastic material that is made from dangerous chemicals and will quickly break down into small fragments that can seep down into our water supply and also get washed into our gorgeous oceans and get eaten by fish and birds mistaking the dangerous plastic for food. Eating this plastic is deadly to these animals and if we don't ban polystyrene soon, more and more of Maui's wildlife will start to diminish. Along with that, when we eat the fish, those dangerous chemicals that the fish were eating are transferred to us.

If you think about it, what are the real downsides of banning polystyrene? Plate lunch boxes costing a few more cents, a few huge corporations being unhappy? Are these minuscule reasons enough to not ban polystyrene and effectively destroy the planet and our health? I don't think so.

In researching this issue, I made sure to look into how much passing this bill would cost consumers and restaurants switching from polystyrene's to biodegradable food containers, and found that the costs would be little. For cups, buying a years worth of biodegradable cups would cost about \$75 more than Styrofoam, a cost likely less than one day's income. For lunch boxes, the cost difference would be about \$140, a small price to pay that restaurants most likely wouldn't care about considering the good they would be doing.

Let's protect ourselves, protect our future generations, protect our oceans, and ban polystyrene on Maui.



<Some biodegradable containers.

(<http://www.myriadgreeyn.com/>)

Please make the right decision for all of us.

Thank you,
Aidan Griffin

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