

**IEM Committee**

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**From:** Langford Barksdale <art@langfordart.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 7:28 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Ban Foam Food Containers

Message of support for the Maui County hearing on Maui

Dear IEM Committee,

I support and want to help ban foam food containers on Maui . Please support the purity of Maui and ban polystyrene foam pollution.

Thank you!

Langford Barksdale

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**From:** Jenny Wisemark-Cerro <jennywcerro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 7:59 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,  
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Mahalo, Jenny Wisemark-Cerro

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**From:** Jenny Pawai <jennypawai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:00 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,  
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Mahalo, Jen

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**From:** Barbara Wiedner <bwiednerrealtor@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:00 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS (IEM-05)

Aloha Respected Council Members,

I'm in support of IEM-05, prohibiting the use of disposable polystyrene food service containers.

We have environmentally better options for our restaurants and an obligation to our visitors, Ocean and ama to make more earth friendly choices.

We can and must do better for our Islands--please pass this very important measure!!

Mahalo for your consideration,  
Barbara Wiedner

808-635-2593 😊

1. EPS foam is a toxic form of plastic made from non-renewable fossil fuels and synthetic chemicals like styrene that leach out over time, especially in contact with hot, greasy or acidic food.
2. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), styrene is a dangerous carcinogen and neurotoxin that can lead to cancer, lymphoma and leukemia. The EPA says 100% of humans have styrene in their fat tissues.
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5. Hawaii has the highest per capita rate of take-out food in the country, and many food containers are made of EPS foam products whose toxic chemicals threaten the health of humans and the environment.
6. Most of these products are hauled to our overflowing landfills where they never degrade but begin to leach toxic chemicals like styrene, a known carcinogen.

#protectwhatyoulove #bethechange #foamfreehi #styrofoamfreekauai#riseaboveplastic

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**From:** Vincent Cerro <vinceghoti@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:00 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,  
Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.  
Mahalo, Vincent

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**From:** Marta Greenleaf <greenleaf.maui@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:02 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Styrofoam ban

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,  
Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any more rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

Mahalo, Marta Greenleaf

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** zorahmeyer@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:09 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Please Vote yes on IEM-05

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,  
Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

Mahalo,  
Zorah Meyer

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**From:** Denise Key <denisekey@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:14 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on the IEM-05

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,  
Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any more rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

Mahalo,  
Denise Key  
Maui resident

Sent from Outlook



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**From:** helga fiederer <helgaonmaui@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:15 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Yes on IEM-05

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,  
Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

Mahalo,  
Helga Fiederer

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**From:** Patricia Teeters <philandtrish@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:22 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Styrofoam bill

Aloha Maui County Council

Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to serve your community .

Mahalo ,  
Patricia Teeters

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Barbara Barry <gardenmeister@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 8:33 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Yes on IEM-05

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

Mahalo,  
Ms. Barbara Barry  
Yes on IEM -05

**From:** Carl Berg <cberg@pixi.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 9:02 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Styrene bill

Dear Maui Council members,

The Kauai chapter of the Surfrider Foundation strongly supports the revised ordinance to restrict use of polystyrene food service wares, especially as we are trying to get a similar bill passed by our own Kauai county council. The outer islands lead the way in environmental awareness and concern. We must do all we can to protect our fragile islands for future generations. Polystyrene is toxic to humans and marine life. Beach cleanups and litter control are efforts too little and too late. The only effective protection is to not have polystyrene on the island in the first place.

Please lead the way for the other islands and pass the revised ordinance to ban polystyrene.

More complete testimony in support of the bill has been submitted by the Hawaii state manager of the Surfrider Foundation, but we on Kauai wanted to add our voice because we share common environmental issues with Maui.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carl J. Berg*

Carl J. Berg, Ph.D.  
Chair, Kauai Chapter  
The Surfrider Foundation

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**From:** kate griffiths <djmaumama@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 9:51 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Please vote YES on the IEM-05

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban. Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose. When we know better we can do better for our island and our community.

Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers.

Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

Mahalo,  
Kate

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**From:** Georgia P <mauitimeisright@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 10:09 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Regarding IEM-05 testimony vote YES

Aloha e Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

**Please vote YES on the IEM-05**, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose.

Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers.

Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

We are the people we've been waiting for, we are the ones, Maui is the place, and NOW is the time!

Mahalo, Georgia Pinsky  
Publisher  
Straight Up Maui Magazine

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**From:** Lantana Hoke <lkhoke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 10:22 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Styrofoam ban - vote YES

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban.

Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose.

Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

Mahalo,

Lantana Hoke  
Instructor, UH Maui College

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**From:** Arianna Feinberg <ariannafeinberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 10:24 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** SUPPORT Polystyrene Ban

Aloha Council Members,

Please support Councilor Cochran's bill to ban polystyrene single use foodservice containers. I strongly believe this is a good step forward towards making Maui a less plastic dependent and throwaway society.

Polystyrene is popular because it is cheap. The restaurants solely pay for the price of the polystyrene and delivery but they are not responsible to pay the external prices of the cost of disposal and environmental impact to our marine environment. All Maui residents pay these costs in the long run no matter what personal decisions they make about using single use polystyrene to go containers or not.

In my opinion, it is the job of the County Council to look out for the greater long term good of our society by creating regulations that account for the environmental externalities that our regular capitalist economy cannot react to. This regulation will not completely solve Maui's litter or waste management problems but it is a step towards a more waste conscious future. At this time our Country and County needs strong leaders to profess with actions the sort of society we want to live in. Please make Maui more environmentally conscious, active and forward thinking by passing this bill to ban polystyrene disposable foodservice containers. Our grandkids will thank you for making this bold step.

Thanks,  
Arianna

Arianna Feinberg  
[ariannafeinberg@gmail.com](mailto:ariannafeinberg@gmail.com)  
808-280-0988



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**From:** cindy matsumoto <pinkducky96789@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 10:26 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** support for IEM-05

Good Morning Council Members,

I'm in support of IEM-05, prohibiting the use of disposable polystyrene food service containers.

We have environmentally better options for our restaurants and an obligation to our visitors, Ocean and aina to make more earth friendly choices. It is time we step up for our environment, Styrofoam is poison for our landfills, it lasts for hundreds of years.

We must do better for our future generations--please pass this very important measure!!

Thank you for your time,  
Cindy Matsumoto  
Mililani, Hawaii resident  
96789

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**From:** Wong, Janae <jwong@kiheicharter.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 10:43 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; John Fitzpatrick  
**Subject:** Plastic and Styrofoam Container Ban

Aloha,

My name is Janae. Students from Kihei Charter High School were asked to send a letter in reply to the recent bill pertaining plastic. I think we can benefit from banning plastic and foam containers along with anything that harms the ocean and people. I understand restaurants will need to change what they serve their food in, which may cost more but it's for the best outcome in the long run. Getting rid of plastic and foam containers is just the beginning of what we can do to make our island and the beings on it live longer. We often don't look at the bigger picture of how much damage we create and aren't aware of the causes our actions make. I know that there is much more we can do as a community to help our ocean, animals, environment and people. I hope we can reduce the amount of plastic on our island and give an alternative like paper for people to use. I'm sure restaurants can come up with creative ideas like using plants, coconuts, etc. I feel people need to be encouraged to be more plant friendly, that can also help our environment and much more!

Thank You for your consideration,

Mahalo,  
Janae

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**From:** Ollech, Erich <erichollech@kiheicharter.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 10:51 AM  
**To:** County Clerk; IEM Committee  
**Subject:** IEM-05

Dear Council Members,

I am a concerned student, requesting that you consider passing IEM-05. I believe in the preservation of our ecosystem and environment and think this would be a great start to protecting both the planet and ourselves. I believe the best alternative is to be using compostable containers that are currently on the market rather than single use plastics and styrofoam. I am excited about the opportunity to grow and make Industrial Hemp compostable containers. Hemp is an easy crop to cultivate and produce and is harmless to our ecosystem.

Although it will be more expensive to make the products that are in demand, out of hemp. It will definitely be worth the money considering the effect it will make on both the planet and you. As demand for these compostable products increase supply will increase and drive the price of compostable products down.

Sincerely,

Erich Kaleo Aloha Ollech

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**From:** Bellodgia Yamamoto <odgia@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 10:55 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** IEM-05

Aloha Respected council members:

I am in support of IEM-05 prohibiting the use of disposable polystyrene food service containers.

It is long overdue that our beautiful state began to show our respect for its people and our Aina by taking every measure we can to protect the ocean and our lands from unnecessary environmental hazards. A great step would be to mandate a biodegradable alternative to EPS foam for all service vendors to continue using. There are environmentally friendly alternative options available that will not inconvenience the service industries need for take out containers. However to continue with the blatant disregard for our environment is to say to all future generations that we simply do not care about you and the ocean that provides us with life.

In addition to destroying life for future generations our continued disregard for our environment will ensure that there is no future for tourism in our islands as well. For if we continue to destroy the very thing that attracts people from around the world... our pristine beaches and beautiful lands we will have nothing left to share with them.

Please consider the long term effects that EPS foam will have on Maui and furthermore island wide. Please look at the big picture for we are all in this together... the profits lost by the EPS foam industry do not outweigh the health of our future.

Please pass this very important measure.

Sincere Aloha,

Bellodgia Yamamoto

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Nami Nielipinski <nami.nielipinski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 11:14 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Cc:** Stuart Coleman  
**Subject:** Strong support - IEM 05 Styrofoam Ban  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0741.JPG

\*\*\*\*\* I found the attached anti-ban flyer at Lanky's pastry shop in Hilo this morning and was appalled!!! As a paying customer, I'm spreading the message on social media and everywhere else possible to boycott restaurants like this that are anti-human-health and environment. Styrene is down right POISON!!!!\*\*\*\*\*

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Mahalo for your consideration,  
Your Name Here :D

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**From:** Trinette Furtado <peles808grrl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 11:54 AM  
**To:** IEM Committee; Elle Cochran  
**Subject:** Testimony on IEM-05 and IEM-68  
**Attachments:** IEM0568testimony.pdf

Aloha! I hope I'm not too late submitting this by email for inclusion in today's meeting deliberations!  
Mahalo NUI,  
Trinette Furtado  
Hamakualoa, Ha'iku, Mauiuiakama

"It's never too late to be what you might have been."

Aloha Mai Kākou Chair Cochran and Committee Members

Hau'oli Lā Kū'oko'a iā Kākou!

'O wau o Trinette Furtado. No Hamakualoa mai au.

I am testifying on 2 items in this correspondence: IEM-05 regarding the styrofoam container ban and IEM-68 regarding the proposal for Anaergia to build a waste-to-energy project next to our Kahului Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Concerning IEM-05 (the styrofoam container ban), I strongly urge you to vote YES on this measure and ease the steady stream of 'opala going to our landfills every day.

There are more earth-friendly, biodegradable alternatives to styrofoam that our restaurants could be using and alternatives provided to consumers to incentivize bringing their own containers or paying a little extra for a biodegradable alternative. There are already quite a few establishments here on Maui that have taken the positive, proactive approach by using biodegradable, compostable containers without a hefty strain on their profits.

Our landfills are already at capacity and we currently do not adequately process the 'opala that does not decompose. Styrofoam is toxic on many levels, from its production through its use. I understand it may mean the bottom line for some businesses, but where is the bottom line for our environment and our health? Is money really worth more than leaving our children 'āina that isn't inundated with the leftover trash from our youth?

Please vote YES for the health of the 'āina we live on; the 'āina that supports a multi-million dollar industry based on its beauty.

As regards IEM-68, the proposal to allow Anaergia a waste-to-energy, sludge dryer project next to the Kahului Wastewater Treatment Facility, I strongly urge you to vote NO.

The Kahului WWTF is located within a tsunami inundation/tidal zone. Why would the County offer a 20-year lease (at \$1/yr) to OWN AND OPERATE this facility to Anaergia, given the possibility that a future tsunami could do serious damage to both facilities, thus creating a hazardous issue. Rather than look to moving it inland, the County has continued to spend funds to retrofit the facility to make it more resistant to impacts of sea level rise and tsunami waves. However, as we have seen with sea level impacts on structures along the West Maui coast, it is important that the County look critically at all structures built in the shoreline area (roads, hwys, homes, condos, etc.) and any plans for new facilities associated with this facility should focus upon planned retreat, not addition structures added in this tsunami inundation zone.

Further, very little legislation or regulation occurs on the state level, let alone the county level. Are there guarantees that if this project moves forward and Anaergia becomes the sole owner and operator of these base price (to the consumer) for energy produced, won't fluctuate based on internal decisions?

There are many questions and concerns regarding this project and the details contained within the lease. I urge you to vote NO. On this measure and have a more critical look at all the parameters and what our County really stands to gain in this agreement.

As we have only begun to see with the audit of Mayor Arakawa's prior deal with Anaergia to operate at our main landfill, our County (and its residents) could end up paying more for this



"deal" in the long run. Please defer this agenda item until next session so that you might have more time to look through the lease proposal. It is a decision that will last long after you have left office and will impact more than just your keiki and their keiki.

Mahalo,  
Trinette Furtado  
Hamakualoa, Ha'iku, Maunuiakama

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**From:** Bottorff, Marlon <mbottorff@kiheicharter.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 11:57 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; John Fitzpatrick  
**Subject:** Single Use Plastic and Styrofoam Container Ban

Dear Maui County Council,

My name is Marlon Bottorff, I am a 10th grader at Kihei Charter School, and we have been talking about plastic and it's affect on the environment for about a near now. We have become relatively familiar with the issue, and we would like to share our opinions on passing the bill. I personally think you should ban disposable polystyrene from food services because it is bad for the environment. I know that it would cost food services more money for better alternatives, but what do you care about more, the future of our earth, or paying a bit more to keep the Earth healthier. A better choice would be 100% compostable fiber bowls, or plates. If we continue to use plastic for food services, more and more plastic will end up in the ocean, and that will affect/kill marine life. Styrofoam and plastic is bad for the ocean because they do not decompose naturally, so when plastic or styrofoam enters the ocean sea life can eat it (which happens often), as you know they can choke from the plastic or die just from eating it. It can take up to 450 years just for plastic to biodegrade in the ocean. That gives each piece of plastic a very long time to be eaten by a sea creature. Some plastic and styrofoam biodegrade faster, but by it biodegrading it does not help because research has found that when degrading they leak some of their toxic chemicals into the water harming coral, fish, and possibly even us. By passing bill IEM-05 you would be reducing the amount the plastic and styrofoam trash in our Aina.

Sincerely,  
Marlon Bottorff

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**From:** Ilima Smallwood <ilimasmallwood@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:24 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** styrofoam ban

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any more rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers. Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels. Please be the positive change and be proud to lead it.

Mahalo,

'ilima smallwood

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**From:** Jill Wirt <jillwirt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:26 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Styrofoam ban testimony

I am in support of the phase out of polystyrene food service containers.

The resources and energy to make 1 polystyrene container could make 3 compostable containers. Costs may go up for the compostable containers, but businesses who have switched to compostable food containers have not gone out of business or claimed hardship.

I work on a boat that goes out to Molokini, as I said in my previous testimony, and strong trade winds blow all sorts of trash into the area. Banning the use of the polystyrene containers would take away one more item of trash from making its way into the ocean. We would see the same positive response to this legislation as we would with the plastic bag ban: no more bags littering the highways or beaches, or being left behind after a picnic.

If this is something we can control, we should take control at the source, and stop making them accessible to the public. Stricter environmental laws will increase public awareness and maybe even encourage people to clean up trash on our beaches and sidewalks instead of walking past it. Keep Maui beautiful, and protect what you love.

Mahalo,  
Jill Wirt

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**From:** svickery@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:30 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** IEM-05

Aloha Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee,

Please vote YES on the IEM-05, the Maui Styrofoam ban because Maui's trash landfills cannot tolerate any rubbish that does not decompose. Please also support Maui's packaging wholesalers in any way that they may need to help them supply eco-friendly packaging for their customers.

Our landfills are at capacity, we have been fined repeatedly for non compliance. Styrofoam is toxic on all levels.

Please make a positive change to the on-going landfill contaminants. I am grateful for taking a strong stand regarding a cleaner, healthier environment here on Maui that we call home.

Mahalo nui,  
Susan C. Vickery  
3579 Pahala St.  
Makawao, HI 96768

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## **IEM Committee**

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**From:** Sara Smith <sarasmith808@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:46 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Please support a phase out of polystyrene food service containers

Maui County Council Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee:

Please support a phase out of polystyrene food service containers. When there are so many alternatives nowadays, it is absolutely unconscionable to use a material that will live forever in our landfills for a quick sip of coffee or bite to eat. In thinking beyond our moment of need for convenience, we must act now to protect our environment for future generations. It is not fair to postpone this responsibility—we must be accountable now and end the senseless use of styrofoam.

Thank you,  
Sara Smith  
Kula

## **IEM Committee**

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**From:** Bello, Kaleb <kalebbello@kiheicharter.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:47 PM  
**To:** County Clerk; Donald S. Guzman; robert.carrol@mauicounty.us; Elle Cochran; IEM Committee; micheal.victorino@mauicounty.us; Don Couch; Mike White; Gladys Baisa; Stacy S. Crivello; Riki Hokama  
**Cc:** John Fitzpatrick

Aloha,

This afternoon bill IEM-05

Sincerely,  
Kaleb Bello

## **IEM Committee**

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**From:** Delwanders <delwanders@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:51 PM  
**To:** IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Ban styrofoam in Maui county!

I'm writing in support for the ban of styrofoam in Maui county.

Today, there are plenty of acceptable, biodegradable, affordable alternatives for take-away containers. The cost difference cannot justify the refusal to switch to better solutions. It would be a VERY easy change to make, way easier than the ban of plastic bags, and would have a tremendous positive effect on our environment.

There is absolutely zero valid reason to not enforce this ban.

Thank you,  
Delphine Berbigier  
Kihei resident



## IEM Committee

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**From:** Mamaud, Dylan <dylanmamaud@kiheicharter.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 12:53 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  
**Cc:** John Fitzpatrick  
**Subject:** Single Use Plastic and Styrofoam Container Ban (IEM-05) Letter

Dear City Council Members,

I agree with the IEM-05 bill because it is a lot better for the environment. Many think the plastic and styrofoam containers are better just because they are cheaper, but the reality is the opposite. Part of the time, these containers end up in the ocean and harms the animals both when they eat them and just the chemicals it gives off. The plastic and styrofoam containers also take 500+ years to decompose. The decomposable and environmentally-friendly containers may be more expensive, but it can save our planet and the people living on it in the long run. The production is usually less harmful (depending on the product) and it decomposes into actual dirt, rather than chemicals. Please visit this website created by fellow Maui students for more facts. [foamfreefuture.org](http://foamfreefuture.org)

I support IEM-05 and hope that you pass this bill for our oceans, environment, and the well being of future generations.

Thank you,  
Dylan Mamuad  
Kihei Charter High School  
10th Grade