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**COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT AND
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL NO. 85 HD1
RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and DeCoite, Vice Chairs Richards and Wakai, and members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in support of the intent of HB85 HD1, which prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in single-use plastic bottles.

We agree with the intent of this legislation as it is in alignment with our Strategic Plan priorities in the Natural Resources pillar, as well as action items in our community-generated Destination Management Action Plans.

Additionally, we are aware of and would like to take this opportunity to recognize lodging establishments already working to eliminate the use of single-use plastic bottles for their amenities.

We support the intent of HB85 HD1, stand ready to assist in educating visitor industry stakeholders and visitors, and defer to our colleagues at the Department of Health on matters related to the implementation of this measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.