



TESTIMONY OF DANIEL NĀHO'OPI'I
INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:30 a.m.
In consideration of
HB 1897
RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Cochran, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) offers the following comments on HB1897 for your consideration. HTA supports the intent of this measure, which prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal care products in single-use plastic containers.

We agree with the intent of this legislation as it is in alignment with our Strategic Plan priorities as recognized in Section 1 of this bill, action items articulated in our community-led Destination Management Action Plans, and HTA's commitment to the Mālama Mandate.

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 containers for their amenities.

We support the intent of HB1897, 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.