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Aloha Environmental Management Committee,

I am writing to strongly urge you to support Bill 83, Draft 2. I do not support the change in 20-05-03 (A) (1) where food packaged outside the county of Hawaii is changed to "Pre-packaged foods" and think we should hold ourselves to the same standards as everyone else.

Single-use waste and plastics are filling our landfills and even polluting our liquid waste streams. I want to see the county get to a place where our wastewater can be recycled into R-1 water and Class A biosolids and removing plastic is one of the most difficult parts of the treatment train, especially from biosolids. The most effective approach is pre-treatment: preventing these wastes from even entering our plants.

Please support Bill 83. Thank you!

Mahalo,
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