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*Aloha Chair Perez and the Environmental Management Commission,*

*I'm writing to **support Bill 83** and respectfully ask the EMC to issue a **favorable recommendation** to the County Council.*

*Bill 83 moves us toward less waste and cleaner communities. Other counties in Hawai'i have already passed similar legislation, proving that this is both **doable and effective**. Our county took an important step in 2018 by banning single-use expanded polystyrene foam, and this bill is the logical next step toward reducing plastic pollution at the source.*

*Even if composting infrastructure is still developing, choosing compostable and fiber-based materials now helps create the feedstock needed for future commercial composting. These products are also far more sustainable to produce, often made from agricultural byproducts instead of fossil fuels.*

*Mahalo for your service and for supporting a cleaner future for all of us.*

*Jake Spanger*  
Sent from my iPhone