

Bill 5
Additional Testimony

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Meeting Date	01-31-2018
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 5
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	I strongly support this measure to promote litter reduction, including through recycling and composting of food containers by restaurants.
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**TESTIMONY OF TINA YAMAKI
PRESIDENT
RETAIL MERCHANTS OF HAWAII
January 31, 2018**

**Re: BILL 5 (2018) RELATING TO LITTER REDUCTION,
RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING INCENTIVES**

Good afternoon Chair Menor and members of the Honolulu City Council. I am Tina Yamaki, President of the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and I appreciate this opportunity to testify.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii (RMH) is a statewide not-for-profit trade organization is committed to support the retail industry and business in general in Hawaii. The retail industry is one of the largest employers in the state, employing 25% of the labor force.

The Retail Merchants of Hawaii SUPPORTS Bill 5 (2018). As we have mentioned in the past, Retailers continue to be concerned about our aina and have supported initiatives that preserve and protect our environment. The solution is not to ban products like "Styrofoam" or plastic. It is government, business and the community working together on litter control programs and education and the wise management of our resource with the principle being "reduce, reuse and recycle".

This bill is a step in the right direction by giving restaurants incentives to have and promote a litter reduction program. Many businesses are already operating on a very thin profit margin. They are always looking for cost effective means and incentives especially with cost competition within their industry, raising food and labor costs (recent rise in minimum wage and medical insurance) to name a few. Programs like this would be the incentive for many more businesses to begin or add on to their litter reduction programs.

This is a start to a coordinated comprehensive litter reduction program. Government, business and the community should work together on the wise management of our resources by reducing, reusing and recycling principles. We should be looking at litter control programs and education and not a ban.

Again mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Agenda Item Bill 5
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony This bill offers us the flexibility to choose what makes most sense for our restaurant, instead of banning certain types of containers. Working together with the city, restaurants can help to make real reductions in litter.

Testimony Attachment

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