

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED NEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION, COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 12-1

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

TIME: 12:00 P.M.

**LOCATION: West Hawai‘i Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Community Hale,
Building G, Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i 96740**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Aupuni Center Conference Room, 101 Pauahi Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

Pursuant to Chapters 91 and 92, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes, the County of Hawai‘i, Department of Environmental Management (“Department”) hereby provides notice of Public Hearings to all persons interested, regarding the proposed adoption of administrative rules entitled “Rules Relating to Plastic Bag Reduction” (“Rules”). The proposed draft Rules establish administrative guidelines, requirements, regulations and procedures for the Department’s implementation of County of Hawai‘i Ordinance No. 12-1 amendments to Chapter 14, Hawai‘i County Code, entitled “Plastic Bag Reduction”. The purpose is to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags and encourage the use of more environmentally preferable alternatives such as reusable bags. Provisions contained in the proposed draft Rules include:

RULES RELATING TO PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION

CHAPTER 1 - General Provisions (Title, Purpose, Definitions)

CHAPTER 2 - Plastic Bag Restrictions (Businesses prohibited from providing single-use plastic checkout bags for transporting groceries or other goods, subject to a one-year transition period in which such bags may be sold. Reusable bags and paper bags may be provided.)

CHAPTER 3- Enforcement (Procedures for notices of violation and orders, appeals, judicial enforcement, administrative fines, other legal remedies)

A copy of the proposed draft Rules may be downloaded in a digital PDF format from the County of Hawai‘i website at www.hawaiiizerowaste.org or <http://www.hawaiiicounty.gov/environmental->

management/ free of charge. The proposed draft Rules may be reviewed in person free of charge at the Department of Environmental Management, 2100 Kanoelehua Ave, C-5, Hilo, Hawai'i during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M, excluding County furloughs and holidays. A printed copy of the proposed draft Rules will also be mailed to any interested person who requests a copy. Requests for a copy of the proposed draft Rules may be made in person at the Department of Environmental Management, 2100 Kanoelehua Ave, C-5, Hilo, Hawai'i, 96720, email to cohdem@co.hawaii.hi.us, or call 808-961-8083. Pursuant to HRS § 91-3(a)(i)(B), required fee for the printed copy is \$.90. The fee for mail requests will be \$1.35 (copy plus postage).

In accordance with HRS § 91-3(a)(2), the Department Director intends to make a decision on adoption of the Rules by the effective date of the Ordinance, January 17, 2013, or such other date as may be announced at the Hearings.

Any interested person may submit data, views, arguments or other testimony regarding the proposed Rules, orally or in writing, at the Public Hearings noted above. Any person desiring to present oral testimony should register prior to the convening of the meetings. Written testimony may also be submitted in person at the Department of Environmental Management, 2100 Kanoelehua Ave, C-5, Hilo, Hawai'i, 96720 or emailed to cohdem@co.hawaii.hi.us and must be received by December 12, 2012.

If you require an accommodation or auxiliary aid and/or services to participate in the meetings (i.e. sign language interpreter, large print), please call 961-8083 ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.

Publication Dates:

Hawai'i Tribune Herald and West Hawai'i Today, Sunday, November 4, 2012