

I am writing in support of the following environmental bills:

HB 1003: an act concerning single-use plastic and paper bags. Actually I prefer that single use plastic bags be banned across the state and that a charge is added per use of paper bags, in order to encourage reusable bags. Our plastic situation is out of hand, causing health crises for wildlife and humans, and creating waste that has no place to go. It ends up in our waterways and is being consumed by seafood and seabirds, creating a toxic environment for them and us.

HB 5384: An act requiring the elimination of single-use Styrofoam containers, again because there is no place for this garbage to go and it is toxic to humans and wildlife

HB 5385: An act requiring the elimination of single-use plastic straws, which can still be made available for those who cannot use a glass, but are unnecessary for the vast majority of people and are one of the most frequently found source of pollution on our beaches

HB 7294: An act concerning bottle redemption in the state; it is unconscionable that the return on bottles hasn't increased ever.

Sincerely,
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