

ACTION NEEDED!

Protecting Hawai'i Corals from Toxic Chemical Sunscreens

Hawai'i's Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has [requested](#) ocean-goers avoid the use of sunscreens containing oxybenzone, octinoxate, and homosalate as they have a negative impact on marine life and corals. **Bills have been introduced to protect Hawai'i Reefs; four are still viable and three specifically refer to oxybenzone. Oxybenzone has been proven in studies to increase coral bleaching events, damage DNA, and deform juvenile corals rendering them unable to form new colonies. These "oxybenzone bills" need public support to move forward!**

HB600 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

Report Title: **Sunscreen; Personal Care Products; Oxybenzone; Ban**

Description: Bans the sale, offer for sale, or distribution for sale of sunscreen or personal care products containing oxybenzone.

SB1150 SD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO PRESERVING CORAL REEFS.

Report Title: **Sunscreen; Oxybenzone; Beaches**

Description: Prohibits the use or application of sunscreen, sunblock, or cosmetic containing oxybenzone while on a beach or in the ocean.

HB818 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO OXYBENZONE.

Report Title: **Sunscreen; Personal Care Products; Oxybenzone**

Description: Bans the sale, offer for sale, or distribution for sale of sunscreen or personal care products containing oxybenzone. (Note effective date: July 1, 2018)

HB450 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO CORAL.

Report Title: **Coral Reefs; Sunscreen; Report; Appropriation**

Description: Requires UH to conduct a study on the effects of sunscreen on Hawaii's coral reefs. Appropriates funds.

What Steps Can I Take?

Urge legislators to hold hearings. State why you support protecting Hawai'i's reefs, environmental concerns, personal anecdotes oxybenzone studies, that there are reef-safe sunscreen alternatives.... *Get comments in before March 3rd.*

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