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Vidéo p. 173 – Extrait du reportage Hawai'i Visitor Green Fee | A chance to fund conservation in Hawai'i, *FutureSwell*, March 2023.

Voiceover: Hawai'i is unlike any other place in the world. Our ecosystems, wildlife and environment can't be replaced. And we're already losing them. Hawai'i is the endangered-species capital of the world. Homes are falling into the ocean. Rising seas are threatening 19 billion dollars' worth of assets here. Globally we've lost around half of the world's coral reefs and in Hawai'i coral reefs sustain everything else from our food security to healthy oceans to our ocean economy and the way that we recreate.

Kapono Kaluhiokalani: I grew up seeing abundance, you know, across the street from my house. I can say that it was better back in the day and the current state that we are in it's kind of a big warning sign to everybody that if we continue on this track it might be very detrimental to the health of the island and the ocean.

Mark Hixon: Our coral reefs are predicted by scientists to bleach every single year by the year 2040.

Voiceover: Our ocean economy supports 16 percent of jobs here, which makes up 18 billion dollars in revenue annually. The way the tourists use the environment here is at its worst irresponsible and at its best still leaving a significant impact on everything else. They should also invest in a healthy future for Hawai'i. Visitor Green

fee programs work at tourist destinations all over the world. They're a demonstrated solution.

Woman's voice: Why does it have to be now? Why can't we do it like next year?

Carissa Cabrera: Well it's not like we can do it yesterday.

Pauline Sato: The Green Fee is a wonderful concept. It's not brand new to the world. It may be new to Hawai'i, but it's been tested in other places and it's proven, you know, to work and I really think the time is now. We want Hawai'i to look beautiful and be green, but it doesn't happen naturally. It takes work and all of us can contribute to it, whether physically or monetarily in some way, to keep Hawai'i the green and beautiful place that we want it to be.

Voiceover: If we don't act now we might lose the opportunity to act at all. Last year the Visitor Green Fee policy died one step away from passing. It was the closest we've ever gotten. 88 percent of Hawai'i voters agree that tourists should pay their fair share toward our natural and cultural resources. But what if 88 percent of us showed up to support this year? At fifty dollars per tourist, we could generate 400 million dollars a year for our home. But it's going to take all of us, including you.

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Vidéo Team 2 p. 174 – Extrait du reportage Toiletries in single use-plastics may be checking out of hotels, *KHON2 News*, 28 Feb. 2025.

Anchor: Those small toiletry amenities guests receive at hotels may soon come to an end. Officials hope it's a way to make Hawai'i more eco-friendly and sustainable. Alina Lee has more.

Alina Lee: Hotels and lodging establishments may soon have to phase out the use of complimentary shampoos, conditioners and lotions packaged in single-use plastics.

Representative Nicole Lowen: There's an incredible amount of single-use plastic that we use every day that ends up in the landfill or maybe goes to HPower and ends up as landfill ash, or just goes straight to the landfill on neighbour islands.

Microplastics being in our food and water and even in the air.

Alina Lee: The measure aims to promote sustainable tourism and preserve Hawai'i's natural resources.

Nicole Lowen: Hawai'i really advertises itself as a place to come visit because of its beautiful natural environment. There really isn't a sacrifice here. There will still be complimentary shampoo in hotel rooms.

Alina Lee: Even before the bill was introduced, some hotels, like The Outrigger, started the process of having bulk amenities. They say four of their hotels in Hawai'i have fully gotten rid of single-use plastics for something more sustainable.

Mark Wornson: Less plastic waste, less product being wasted. Reducing single-use plastics helps us with coral-reef conservation, as well as just keeping our island homes clean.

Alina Lee: The Outrigger also stopped giving out complimentary bottles of sunscreen.

Mark Wornson: We wanted to do something that was a bit more sustainable. And so this just made sense. We've also moved our water bottles to a more sustainable solution in these reusable aluminum water bottles, as opposed to plastic bottles that are filled with water.

The bill is now making its way through the senate. Alina Lee KHON2 News : Working for Hawai'i.

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Vidéo Team 3 p. 174 – Extrait du reportage Taking Climate to Court,
Action for the Climate Emergency, August 2024

Kalālapa Winter: Aloha! My name is Kalālapa Winter, and I am from Hawai'i. I am the hiapo of my family, which means I am the eldest sibling. I'm the oldest of five blood siblings and countless hānai siblings. I am a wahine aloha 'āina, land protector, and climate activist. To be a land protector means aloha 'āina, love the land, mālama 'āina, care for the land, and kia'i'āina, protect the land. Out of the 14 biomes that exist in the world, Hawai'i has 10 and every single one has been affected by the climate crisis. For me, I'm from the fishery community. We rely very heavily on our marine ecosystems. We've had insane hurricanes, tropical storms. We have fires that happen every year. Everything that could affect us is affecting us.

Navahine F. versus the Hawai'i Department of Transportation is the first ever climate case of its kind. It started as a civil lawsuit against the Hawai'i Department of Transportation and the state of Hawai'i for the state of Hawai'i's allowance of illegal, excessive greenhouse gas emissions produced by the Hawai'i Department of Transportation. There are 13 youth plaintiffs, and I am the eldest one, and we came to a very historic climate settlement for the world and for Hawai'i. The state has eventually come to realize that what we're fighting for is for the betterment of all of us, literally all of the state and all of our future generations. We are going to be seeing systematic, concrete change that we haven't seen ever. The Hawai'i Department of Transportation must now decarbonize Hawai'i's economy and transportation system by 2045. They will also be required to establish a volunteer youth council because we deserve a seat at the table that's deciding our future.

Taking Climate to Court, *Action for the Climate Emergency*, August 2024