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[TEST] Protecting our precious corals

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Aloha Friend,

Hawai'i is home to 410,000 acres of living coral reef on the main islands alone. These corals are the rainforests of the sea -- they are home to an **incredible biodiversity** of more than 7,000 unique species of marine life. But, **more than 60% of the world's coral reefs are at risk** from overfishing, boat groundings, and pollution.

Sadly, some of the major pollutants harming coral are chemicals found in sunscreens. **Between 4,000 and 6,000 tons of sunscreen wash off swimmers' bodies and enter the ocean each year**, and this pollution is concentrated around the most popular reefs for snorkeling and diving.

This week, **Governor Ige took action to protect our precious, and fragile coral reefs**. Beginning in 2021, **Hawai'i will become the first in the world to ban** sunscreens containing harmful contaminants oxybenzone and octinoxate without a prescription. Sunscreens that use minerals like zinc oxide or titanium oxide, which do not harm reefs, will still be available.



Friend, protecting our coral reefs is just one more example of how Governor Ige does the right things for the right reasons. Governor Ige's proactive measures to protect our marine environment will ensure our future generations will be able to enjoy the benefits of swimming, snorkeling and diving in a cleaner ocean with living reefs.

This is why we need four more years of Governor Ige's leadership, Friend.
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