

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3105
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 3105, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the number of reverse vending machines available to consumers and make other improvements to Hawaii's redemption and recycling infrastructure by:

- (1) Allowing any person, not just dealers who sell beverages in deposit containers, to obtain a rebate if they purchase a reverse vending machine and operate a redemption center serviced by a recycler for at least two years;
- (2) Extending for two years, to December 31, 2007, the time by which reverse vending machines must be operational to qualify for the rebate;
- (3) Changing the rebate amount to 50 percent of the cost of the reverse vending machine; and



- (4) Delaying the sunset date of the reverse vending machine and redemption center and recycling infrastructure improvement programs for two years, to June 30, 2008.

The Department of Health, Siera Club, Hawaii Chapter, Windward Ahupua'a Alliance, and Reynolds Recycling supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that this bill will increase consumer convenience and recycling.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3105, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



