

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 3105, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend the reverse vending machine rebate program and expand its application to persons who are not dealers or recyclers.

Specifically, the measure accomplishes this purpose by:

- (1) Extending the period in which the installment of a reverse vending machine qualifies for the rebate program from December 31, 2005, to December 31, 2007;
- (2) Establishing a separate rebate program for persons who are not dealers or recyclers and fixes the rebate amount at fifty per cent of the actual cost of the reverse vending machine; and
- (3) Extending the reverse vending machine rebate program from June 30, 2006, to June 30, 2010.

Testimony in support of the measure was received from the Department of Health and Reynolds Recycling.

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Your Committee finds that the measure provides an incentive for persons who are not dealers or recyclers to make reverse vending machines available to the public. Additional reverse vending machines will increase consumer convenience with regard to the deposit beverage container law and help to further reduce the negative impacts of solid waste on our communities and the environment in general.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Deleting the proposed separate rebate program for persons who are not dealers or recyclers;
- (2) Including these persons within the existing rebate program;
- (3) Changing the rebate ceiling from an aggregate of \$3,000,000 per fiscal year to a total of \$3,000,000 for the entire life of the rebate program;
- (4) Deleting the existing fixed values of the rebates that are based on square footage of a retail site and replacing those values with a fixed rebate value of fifty per cent of the actual cost of the reverse vending machine;
- (5) Shortening the proposed extension of the reverse vending machine rebate program from June 30, 2010, to June 30, 2008; and
- (6) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3105, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3105, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,

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