
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SHOPPING CARTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that grocery shopping
2 carts are often found strewn about neighborhoods. This blights
3 and pollutes the environment, and encourages the use of these
4 carts for personal storage on public property.

5 The city and county of Honolulu's procedures for refuse
6 collection do not include the removal and disposal of grocery
7 shopping carts. To resolve the problem, it has become necessary
8 to provide legislation enabling the county to remove and dispose
9 of these carts.

10 The purpose of this Act is to clean-up abandoned shopping
11 carts from our neighborhoods by:

12 (1) Allowing the refuse division of any county with a
13 population greater than five hundred thousand to
14 confiscate abandoned shopping carts; and

15 (2) Authorizing the county to impose a \$50 pick-up fee or
16 a \$100 recycling fee.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§46- Disposal of abandoned shopping carts. (a) Any
5 shopping cart that appears to be abandoned, whether or not it
6 contains any goods or other material, may be confiscated by the
7 solid waste disposal division of any county with a population
8 greater than five hundred thousand.

9 (b) A county that confiscates shopping carts pursuant to
10 this section:

11 (1) Shall allow a shopping cart owner to repossess the
12 shopping cart within forty-five days of the date of
13 confiscation, and may impose on the owner a
14 repossession fee of \$50 per cart; and

15 (2) May dispose of shopping carts that are not repossessed
16 within forty-five days of the date of confiscation, at
17 a recycling center, and impose on the owner a
18 recycling fee of \$100 per cart.

19 (c) All fees collected by a county under this section
20 shall be considered revenues of the solid waste disposal
21 division of the county."

22 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

County Solid Waste; Shopping Cart Pick-up and Disposal; Fees.

Description:

Allows abandoned shopping carts to be confiscated by the refuse division of any county with a population greater than 500,000; allows the county to impose a \$50 pick-up fee or a \$100 recycling fee.

