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January 23, 2008

The Honorable Hermina M. Morita, Chair  
and Members of the House committee on Energy  
and Environmental Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: HB 2002-RELATING TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.**

Dear Chair Morita, and Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2002, which would allow the State Department of Health to distribute excess money from the deposit beverage container special fund to the counties for the purpose of the implementation and operation of our recycling programs.

If passed, HB 2002 will support our efforts to promote and expand our recycling programs within Maui County.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments and your favorable consideration of this proposed bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl K. Okuma". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl K. Okuma  
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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### H.B.2002, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health

January 24, 2008  
8:30 AM

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health offers comments.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Unquantified

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill would let consumers redeem deposit beverage containers despite  
4 the removal or absence of a label with HI-5 marking. A few consumers have complained about their  
5 inability to redeem deposit beverage containers due to missing labels, as sometimes happens when paper  
6 labels wash off. Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 342G-116 requires that redemption centers  
7 deny refund value payment for a deposit beverage container that does not properly indicate a refund  
8 value. Given the small number of complaints, the bill will probably lead to a small increase in the  
9 number of containers redeemed, but we cannot say how many.

10 We lack information about what it would cost manufacturers to replace paper labels with  
11 painted, printed, scratch or raised embossed HI-5 markings, or how long it would take.

12 If the bill advances, it should be amended to allow an adequate transition time for container  
13 manufacturers to comply.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.