
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the deposit beverage
2 container program has encouraged increased recycling of glass,
3 plastic, and aluminum beverage containers in the State.
4 However, the legislature finds that more could be done to make
5 the recycling program easier and more accessible to the public,
6 thereby encouraging yet more recycling of containers. The
7 legislature finds that access to recycling facilities could be
8 improved by increasing the number of redemption centers and
9 reverse vending machines that are available to the public.
10 Currently, the department of health offers a rebate to qualified
11 persons who install a reverse vending machine and maintain
12 operations as a redemption center. However, this rebate program
13 will expire on June 30, 2009. The legislature finds that
14 recycling throughout the State may be increased by extending the
15 reverse vending machine rebate program and increasing its
16 financial incentives. Additionally, the legislature finds that
17 each county has the potential to increase recycling by planning
18 and operating its own recycling programs.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Extend the reverse vending machine rebate program and
3 increase the financial incentives offered by the
4 program; and

5 (2) Appropriate moneys to the counties to plan and operate
6 county recycling programs.

7 SECTION 2. Act 228, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, as
8 amended by Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, is amended by
9 amending section 6 to read as follows:

10 "SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
11 provided that:

12 (1) This Act shall be repealed on June 30, [~~2009~~] 2012,
13 and section 342G-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall
14 be reenacted in the form in which it read on the day
15 before the effective date of this Act; and

16 (2) Any action initiated by the department of health
17 pursuant to section 342G-A(e), Hawaii Revised
18 Statutes, shall be allowed to continue until final
19 resolution of the action is achieved."

20 SECTION 3. Section 342G-102.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:



1 "(a) The department shall provide a rebate of [~~fifty~~] one
2 hundred per cent of the actual cost of each reverse vending
3 machine, including shipping and general excise tax, and up to
4 seventy-five per cent of the operating cost during the first two
5 years for each reverse vending machine purchased by a person:

6 (1) That agrees to maintain operations as a certified
7 redemption center for a minimum period of two years;
8 or

9 (2) That is serviced by a recycler that is a certified
10 redemption center; and

11 (3) That has entered into a service agreement with the
12 recycler for a minimum period of two years;

13 provided that rebates shall not exceed \$3,000,000 in the
14 aggregate in any fiscal year.

15 (b) A rebate provided under this section shall be granted
16 for a reverse vending machine that:

17 (1) Is installed and operational by December 31, [~~2007~~]
18 2012;

19 (2) Is accessible to the general public; and

20 (3) Tenders vouchers or receipts for the returned
21 containers that are redeemable by the person at a



1 location on the person's premises that is accessible
2 to the general public."

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the deposit
4 beverage container deposit special fund the sum of \$1,750,000
5 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010
6 for grants-in-aid to the several counties to plan and operate
7 county recycling programs designed to increase recycling rates.
8 The specific county appropriations are as follows:

- 9 (1) City and County of Honolulu \$1,000,000
- 10 (2) Hawaii county \$250,000
- 11 (3) Maui county \$250,000
- 12 (4) Kauai county \$250,000

13 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009,
16 provided that section 2 of this Act shall take effect on
17 June 29, 2009.

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Report Title:

Deposit Beverage Container Program

Description:

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