
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 also finds that access to recycling facilities may
8 be 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 further finds
14 that recycling throughout the state may be increased by
15 extending the reverse vending machine rebate program and
16 increasing its financial incentives. Additionally, the
17 legislature finds that each county has the potential to increase
18 recycling by planning 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. Section 342G-102.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

9 "(a) The department shall provide a rebate of [~~fifty~~] per
10 cent of the actual cost of each reverse vending machine,
11 including shipping and general excise tax, and up to
12 per cent of the operating cost during the first two years for
13 each reverse vending machine purchased by a person:

14 (1) [~~That~~] Who agrees to maintain operations as a
15 certified redemption center for a minimum period of
16 two years; or

17 (2) [~~That~~] Who is serviced by a recycler that is a
18 certified redemption center; and

19 (3) [~~That~~] Who has entered into a service agreement with
20 the recycler for a minimum period of two years;

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



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

3 (1) Is installed and operational by [~~December 31, 2007;~~]
4 June 30, 2012;

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

6 (3) Tenders vouchers or receipts for the returned
7 containers that are redeemable by the person at a
8 location on the person's premises that is accessible
9 to the general public."

10 SECTION 3. Act 228, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, as
11 amended by Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, is amended by
12 amending section 6 to read as follows:

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

15 (1) This Act shall be repealed on June 30, [~~2009;~~] 2014,
16 and section 342G-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall
17 be reenacted in the form in which it read on the day
18 before the effective date of this Act; and

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



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

- 7 (1) City and county of Honolulu \$
- 8 (2) Hawaii county \$
- 9 (3) Maui county \$
- 10 (4) Kauai county \$.

11 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

Report Title:

Deposit Beverage Container Program

Description:

Extends the reverse vending machine rebate program and increases the financial incentives. Appropriates moneys to the counties to plan and operate county recycling programs. (HB574 HD2)

