

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

725

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2009

RE: S.B. No. 243

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 243  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the recycling of  
bottles and cans by requiring retailers of a certain size to take  
back the bottles and cans that they sell.

Specifically, this measure requires retail dealers with more  
than seventy-five thousand square feet of retail space to operate  
redemption centers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter. Your Committee received  
testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants  
of Hawaii.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed  
on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the Deposit Beverage Container  
Program in Hawaii, though it has been very successful, could be  
improved by making it more convenient for consumers to recycle  
their bottles and cans. Your Committee further finds that several  
states, including California, New York, Oregon, Massachusetts,  
Connecticut, Michigan, Iowa, and Delaware all have similar "take  
back" requirements in their bottle laws.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 243 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Health,



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health**  
**HTH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 243</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HTH</b>	Date: <b>3-29</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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