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Testimony for WAM 2/23/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2824

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Paul Hanada
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Submitted on: 2/16/2012

Comments:



February 16, 2012

Re: strongly support SB2824

Aloha Chaiman Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the WAM committee,

Aloha Shell Service has been a certified deposit beverage container (DBC) redemption center since March of 2005. We were the first and only retailer in the State of Hawaii to support and embrace the program for the first three years. We, along with our employees, our families and our customers, strongly support this bill.

The intent of the program was to recycle and it has done a tremendous job in doing so. We live on an island and cannot keep burying our waste, especially when we have a good system in place to collect and recycle. Including more containers in the program will keep more material from entering the waste stream.

The initial cost to the consumer is 6 cents. They can redeem the container for 5 cents making the end cost a penny per container. It is a small price to pay to keep our island clean.

Please be aware that Red Bull, Monster, other energy drinks and Vitamin Water are already included in the DBC program. Orange juice, apple juice, V-8, other fruit and vegetable juices are also included. However, Joint Juice and similar products are not. Wine and hard spirits bottles are also NOT included.

Please help to encourage more recycling by including more containers in the DBC redemption program by supporting SB2824. .

Thank you.

Paul Hanada
Owner

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carolyn Knoll
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

Hawaii's Bottle Bill has been extremely successful. Let's finish the work!! SB 2824 would remove the exemption for drinks that are "considered" dietary supplements, while preserving the exemption for true nutritional supplements such as formula, dairy, and medical foods.

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Submitted by: Ikaika Pestana
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I am very much in favor of this bill. Vitamin water and other sports drinks should not be grouped together with baby formula and medical drinks. All single serve drink bottles should have a 5cent deposit.

I'd really like to see a deposit on wine bottles! As someone who drinks wine a lot in my home, it's hard to make the recycling of the bottles worth it since I get so little money for them at the recycling centers.

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Janice Marsters
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

Hawaii's "bottle bill" was a great success, drastically reducing the amount of glass being dumped in our landfills. Please pass this bill that would further improve our recycling. SB 2824 would close a loophole in the law that allows some trendy energy drinks to be exempt from the beverage deposit container program by being labeled as a "dietary supplement". SB 2824 would appropriately remove the exemption for these types of drinks, while preserving the exemption for true nutritional supplements such as formula, dairy, and medical foods.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

FEB 23, 2012, 9:00 am
(Testimony is 1 page long)

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2824

Aloha Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

I am a graduate student researcher in marine biogeochemistry at the University of Hawaii and I am in strong support of SB 2824. Currently, manufacturers of drinks such as “vitamin waters”, some lemonade-type drinks, and “mineral waters” are exempt from the highly successful Beverage Deposit Container Program. Manufacturers of these drinks are using a loophole in the Beverage Deposit Container Program by calling themselves a “nutritional supplement”. Therefore, these bottles and cans don’t include the 5 cent deposit shown to successfully encourage recycling in Hawaii, nor do they technically need to be accepted at recycling centers. Unfortunately, this means millions of bottles of “vitamin water” and similar drinks go unrecycled, exacerbating the burden on our precious landfill space and environment.

According to the County of Hawaii website, Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial fleet of airplanes every three months. And recycling just ONE aluminum can saves enough energy to operate a TV for three hours. By applying the deposit to these trendy drinks that are consumed in a manner similar to soda, it is estimated that roughly an additional \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 in new revenue in Hawaii will go into the Deposit Beverage Container Deposit Special Fund. True nutritional supplements such as formula, medical foods, and dairy will remain exempt.

I respectfully request that the committee advance this important measure.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Joy Leilei Shih

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Submitted by: Marjorie Erway
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:
It's time to get more bottles recycled. Please SUPPORT this bill.

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Submitted by: Nancy Davlantes
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I enthusiastically support strengthening our successful bottle law by removing the exemption for trendy drinks that masquerade as dietary supplements, while maintaining the exemption for true nutritional supplements. I also would like to see wine and liquor bottles become part of the HI-5 law. Anything that increases what is recycled here must be supported.

Thank you for considering my testimony.
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Submitted by: Neil Frazer
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

Please pass this bill. It is important that the purchaser of any beverage pay the cost of disposing of the container, and it is most efficient to do this in the form of a deposit at the point of sale.

We should tax all containers this way, not just beverages, but beverages are a start.

Mahalo for your work for the people of Hawaii.

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Submitted by: Phyllis Frus
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

SB2824 is a good bill that will close a loophole in container recycling and get more bottles out of the waste stream. Please support it.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

February 22, 2012

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Public Hearing: February 23, 2012, 9:00am, Room 211

Re: SB 2824, Relating to Recycling Dietary Drinks

Dear Chair Ige and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 2824.

I have and continue to work on projects related to renewable energy, waste reduction, recycling, conservation and sustainable transportation.

SB 2484 removes the exemption for energy drinks and dietary supplements from the deposit beverage container program. The recycling of beverage containers allows for the reuse of limited resources and reduces the amount of waste ending up in landfills and as litter fouling our islands. Energy drinks and dietary supplements should not be treated any different when considering the importance of recycling and the fact that they are consumed and discarded just like any of the non-exempt beverages. No recyclable single-use beverage containers should be exempt from the recycling program.

Thank you for considering my comments in support of this Bill,

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Andrea Hamblin
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Pandiorama@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

Please support SB2824. It's time to close the loophole and encourage more recycling on the island of Oahu. Products like RedBull and RockStar should not be exempt from HI-5.