
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING AN EXAMINATION AND AUDIT OF THE ADVANCE DISPOSAL FEE PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the cost of recycling non-deposit glass containers
2 exceeds the revenue that the State collects through the 1.5 cent
3 fee imposed on each of these glass containers through the
4 Department of Health's advance disposal fee program; and
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6 WHEREAS, the counties receive approximately 90 per cent of
7 the revenue collected and establish the amount that they pay
8 glass recyclers for accepting recyclable glass from the
9 counties; and
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11 WHEREAS, the counties report that they commonly exhaust the
12 advance disposal fee revenues before the end of each fiscal
13 year; and
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15 WHEREAS, there is a limited market in Hawaii for scrap
16 glass, so most recyclable glass is shipped elsewhere; and
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18 WHEREAS, the high cost of shipping and the relatively low
19 revenue from scrap glass are major causes of the advance
20 disposal fee program's deficit; and
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22 WHEREAS, requiring that the advance disposal fee cover the
23 entire cost of shipping scrap glass to recyclers would cause
24 consumers to pay for shipping glass containers both to and from
25 the State; and
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27 WHEREAS, before requiring consumers to pay a higher
28 disposal fee, the existing recycling program, including the use
29 of State funds by the counties, should be examined; and



1 WHEREAS, an audit of the State's deposit beverage container
2 program found significant deficiencies in that program's
3 administration; and

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5 WHEREAS, it is necessary to examine whether the advance
6 disposal fee program is the most cost-effective way to handle
7 recyclable glass, and how costs may be reduced; and

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9 WHEREAS, an examination of the advance disposal fee is
10 necessary to determine whether changes to the fee are warranted;
11 now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
16 Health is requested to meet with the respective counties and
17 other stakeholders to examine the advance disposal fee program
18 to determine whether there are more cost-effective ways of
19 handling recyclable glass, including local alternatives to
20 shipping glass out of the State; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
23 conduct an examination and audit of the Department of Health's
24 advance disposal fee program, including the use of fee revenue
25 by the respective counties and the accuracy of payments made to
26 recyclers from fee revenues; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
29 include in the audit an examination of local alternatives to
30 shipping glass containers out of the State for recycling, such
31 as local conversion of glass to sand or the use of glass as
32 landfill cover or in roadway asphalt, and whether these programs
33 would be environmentally and economically prudent alternatives;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
37 confer with affected businesses in preparing the audit; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
40 submit the findings and recommendations from the audit to the
41 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
42 Regular Session of 2015; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of
3 Health, Director of Finance, and the mayors of each county.

