
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECYCLING.

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

1 SECTION 1. In 1993, the legislature convened an Energy and
2 Environmental Summit aimed at identifying issues and building
3 broad-based support for state energy and environmental
4 protection initiatives. This Summit culminated in the general
5 finding that Hawaii's energy resources and physical environment
6 must be managed and protected in a manner that ensures the
7 health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State,
8 including the preservation of the State's limited natural
9 resources for future generations. The glass advance disposal
10 fee program, created in 1994 to assist in the diversion of glass
11 containers, was born out of the collaborative findings of the
12 1993 Summit.

13 Currently, the glass advance disposal fee serves to fund
14 non-redemption glass recycling programs across the State. Glass
15 recycling lags behind the recycling of other materials because
16 of its lower material costs and higher shipping costs. Without
17 such programs, much of this waste would likely end up in State
18 landfills, many which are near or over capacity.



1 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that Hawaii's
2 environmental protection and sustainability efforts remain on
3 course through expanded funding mechanisms aimed at
4 strengthening Hawaii's glass recycling program.

5 SECTION 2. Section 342G-82, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

7 "(a) Every glass container importer shall pay to the
8 department an advance disposal fee. The fee shall be imposed
9 only once on the same glass container and shall not be assessed
10 on drinking glasses, cups, bowls, plates, ashtrays, and similar
11 tempered glass containers. For the period beginning [~~September~~
12 ~~1, 1994,~~] January 2, 2014, the fee shall be [~~one and one-half~~
13 ~~cents per glass container. Beginning October 1, 2004, the]~~
14 \$ _____ per glass container containing twelve ounces or less
15 determined by weight or volume; and \$ _____ per glass
16 container containing greater than twelve ounces determined by
17 weight or volume. The glass advance disposal fee shall only
18 apply to glass containers that are not glass deposit beverage
19 containers."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2713.



Report Title:

Recycling; Fees

Description:

Establishes a tiered glass advance disposal fee based on the capacity of the glass container. Effective July 1, 2013.
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