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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECYCLING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the cost of
2 recycling glass containers far exceeds the revenue that the
3 State receives through the advance disposal fee, which is
4 imposed on sealed glass containers that are not glass deposit
5 beverage containers, resulting in shortfalls in payment for
6 glass recycling or stoppages in the recycling of glass
7 containers.

8 The legislature further finds that the advance disposal fee
9 of 1.5 cents per glass container has not been increased since it
10 was established on September 1, 1994. Also, there is a huge
11 disparity in weight between small glass containers and larger
12 glass containers, which cost more to recycle. For example, an
13 empty glass bottle capable of holding twelve fluid ounces
14 averages seven to nine ounces in weight, whereas, an empty glass
15 bottle capable of holding 750 milliliters, or 25.36 fluid
16 ounces, averages 24 ounces or 1.5 pounds in weight and an empty
17 glass bottle capable of holding 1.5 liters, or 50.72 fluid
18 ounces, typically weighs at least 60 ounces, or 3.75 pounds.



1 The legislature further finds that it is easier to
2 calculate the interior volume of glass containers, instead of
3 the actual weight of the glass containers.

4 The purpose of this Act is to revise the advance disposal
5 fee for glass containers to a tiered structure based on the
6 interior volume of the glass containers.

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

9 "(a) Every glass container importer shall pay to the
10 department an advance disposal fee. The fee shall be imposed
11 only once on the same glass container and shall not be assessed
12 on drinking glasses, cups, bowls, plates, ashtrays, and similar
13 tempered glass containers. For the period beginning
14 September 1, 1994, and ending December 31, 2014, the fee shall
15 be one and one-half cents per glass container. Beginning
16 October 1, 2004, the glass advance disposal fee shall only apply
17 to glass containers that are not glass deposit beverage
18 containers. Beginning January 1, 2015, the advance disposal fee
19 shall be as follows:

20 (1) 1 cent per glass container for glass containers with
21 interior volumes of less than eight fluid ounces;



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- 1 (2) 3 cents per glass container for glass containers with
- 2 interior volumes of at least eight fluid ounces but
- 3 not more than twenty-four fluid ounces; and
- 4 (3) 5 cents per glass container for glass containers with
- 5 interior volumes greater than twenty-four fluid
- 6 ounces."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Advance Disposal Fee; Glass Containers

Description:

Amends the advance disposal fee for glass containers to a tiered structure based on the interior volume of the glass container.

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