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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that plastic scrap is 2 highly problematic; it has low economic value, is difficult to recycle, and does not easily break down in the environment. 3 For 4 over a decade, China has been importing the majority of the 5 United States' plastic scrap; however, in July of 2017, China 6 announced that it will effectively ban imports on twenty-four 7 types of scrap. This has disrupted the global recycling market 8 and necessitates that Hawaii continue to innovate and improve to 9 find local alternatives to plastics recycling in this changing 10 market.

11 The legislature further finds that the current redemption 12 rate of the deposit beverage container program is 67 per cent, 13 down from 78.7 per cent in 2009. The all-time lowest redemption 14 rate since the program's inception occurred in 2016 at 66.9 per 15 cent. Efforts need to be made to increase the redemption rate 16 and ensure that less plastic is being deposited in landfills and 17 the ocean.



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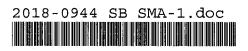
1	The	purpose of this Act is to:
2	(1)	Require the department of health to set benchmarks to
3		reach an eighty-five per cent redemption rate by 2023;
4	(2)	Establish a plastics recycling grant program to
5		identify Hawaii-based alternatives for the sustainable
6		recycling and reuse of plastic commodities;
7	(3)	Require the department of health to annually report to
8		the legislature on redemption rates, progress, and
9		plans regarding the deposit beverage container
10		program; and
11	(4)	Appropriate funds to establish two positions for the
12		glass advance disposal fee program.
13	SECT	ION 2. Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14	amended b	y adding a new section to be appropriately designated
15	and to re	ad as follows:
16	" <u>§34</u>	2G- Plastics recycling grant program. There is
17	establish	ed within the department the plastics recycling grant
18	program t	o provide grants to identify Hawaii-based alternatives
19	for the s	ustainable recycling and reuse of plastic commodities
20	within th	e State. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to

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1	chapter 91 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
2	section."
3	SECTION 3. Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4	amended by adding two new sections to part VIII to be
5	appropriately designated and to read as follows:
6	"§342G- Redemption benchmarks. No later than January 1,
7	2019, the department shall establish benchmarks to reach a
8	redemption rate of eighty-five per cent by January 1, 2023.
9	§342G- Reporting requirements. The department shall
10	submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
11	any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
12	twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session
13	detailing redemption rates, progress, and plans regarding the
14	deposit beverage container program."
15	SECTION 4. There is established one full-time equivalent
16	(1.0 FTE) environmental health specialist IV position and one
17	full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner IV position for the
18	advance disposal fee program within the department of health.
19	SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
20	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$169,466 or so much
21	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for two



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1	full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for the glass advance	
2	disposal fee program, which shall be allocated as follows:	
3	(1) \$84,733 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)	
4	environmental health specialist IV position; and	
5	(2) \$84,733 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner	
6	IV position.	
7	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of	
8	health for the purposes of this Act.	
9	SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general	
10	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much	
11	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the	
12	plastics recycling grant program.	
13	The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of	
14	health for the purposes of this Act.	
15	SECTION 7. New statutory material is underscored.	
16	SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.	
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Report Title:

Deposit Beverage Container Program; Benchmarks; Plastics Recycling Grant Program; Advance Disposal Fee Program; Reporting Requirements; Positions; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of health to set benchmarks to reach an eighty-five per cent redemption rate by 2023. Establishes and appropriates funds for a plastics recycling grant program to identify Hawaii-based alternatives for the sustainable recycling and reuse of plastic commodities. Requires the department of health to annually report to the legislature on redemption rates, progress, and plans regarding the deposit beverage container program. Appropriates funds to establish two positions for the glass advance disposal fee program.

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