
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER FEE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 342G-117, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The department shall [~~evaluate~~] adjust the handling
4 fee at least once per year [~~. If the department changes the~~
5 ~~amount of the handling fee, the department shall]~~ and publish
6 notice of the change within thirty days of its determination.

7 (c) The handling fee shall be paid in addition to the
8 refund value of each empty deposit beverage container. Payments
9 for handling fees shall be based on redemption center reports
10 submitted to the department; provided that there is no
11 discrepancy in the reports [~~-~~]; provided further that the amount
12 of the handling fee in any calendar year shall not be less than
13 the amount of the handling fee in the prior calendar year as
14 adjusted by the applicable percentage change in the Consumer
15 Price Index for All Urban Consumers in the Honolulu area
16 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the federal
17 Department of Labor. The department may choose to pay the



1 handling fee and refund value on the basis of the total weight
2 of the containers received by material type and the average
3 weight of each container type; provided that the deposit
4 beverage container is physically received by the redemption
5 center."

6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Deposit Beverage Container Program; Handling Fee; CPI

Description:

Requires the department of health to annually adjust the handling fees for the deposit beverage container program to an amount not less than the handling fee in the prior calendar year as adjusted by percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index for the Honolulu area. (SD1)

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