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**CONSUMERS HAVE OPTIONS WHEN IS COMES TO REDEEMING
“HI 5” CONTAINERS**

HONOLULU - The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has certified over 20 redemption centers on Oahu and more than 40 state wide where residents can drop off recyclable aluminum cans and glass and plastic bottles under the new Beverage Container Deposit Program passed by the Legislature in 2002 and updated last session

The DOH, which was tasked by the law to carry out the program, wants to ensure consumers are aware that they can redeem their containers by count or weight. Where residents take their recyclables, and how many they take at one time, may determine the method by which they are processed.

“Recyclers want to make the redemption process as quick and easy as possible for consumers,” said Laurence Lau, Deputy Director for Environmental Health, Hawaii State Department of Health. “You move much more containers and people through a redemption center if the containers are weighed instead of counted, but people do have a choice.”

Under amendments approved this session to the beverage container program, consumers can require that their redemption center hand count loads of 50 or fewer containers. Based on public comment, the DOH is requesting assistance from recyclers to extend this option for “hand counting” on loads of up to 100 containers. Consumers who want exact counts are also encouraged to visit recycling centers that have Reverse Vending Machines (RVMS).

For larger loads, redemption centers may choose to weigh containers and pay back deposits based on an average weight. The price paid for the weighed containers is called the “segregated rate” and is an average number of containers by material type (plastic, glass, aluminum) per pound and multiplied by the deposit.

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Hawaii's segregated rate is based on a successful California model that has been in use for many years. This averaging is needed because cans, bottles and plastics come in all shapes and sizes, which result in different weights, by container type.

Hawaii's segregated rates for beverage containers are:

30 aluminum cans per pound (1 pound of cans: $30 \times 5 \text{ cents} = \1.50)

8 bi-metal cans per pound (1 pound of bi metal cans: $8 \times 5 \text{ cents} = \$.40$)

2 glass bottles per pound (1 pound of glass bottles: $2 \times 5 \text{ cents} = \$.10$)

12 plastic bottles per pound (1 pound of plastic bottles: $12 \times 5 \text{ cents} = \$.60$)

For more information on the Beverage Container Deposit Law visit www.hi5deposit.com or call 211.

For more information on sites please see attached list.

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Oahu Redemption Centers with Reverse Vending Machines (RVMS)

Aiea

Halawa Industrial Area
99-1160 Iwaena St.
Mon. – Sat., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Campbell Industrial Park

91-165 Kalaeloa Blvd, Kapolei
Mon-Sat 8:00 am-4:00pm
Sun 9:00am-1:00pm

Enchanted Lakes (Kailua)

Keolu Shopping Center
1090 Keolu Dr. #C-7
Tues – Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
(Closed for lunch noon – 1 p.m.)

Kalihi

207 Puuhale Rd.
Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m

Sand Island

RRR Recycling Center
1020 Ulupono St.
Mon. – Sat., 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For information on the location of mobile RVM sites contact Rolloffs Hawaii/Reduce Reuse Recycling Services at 845-9313.

RMVS at redemption centers contact Reynolds Recycling at 487-2802.