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**UPDATE ON BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING RATES**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) today announced that the Deposit Beverage Container Program helped recycle over 50 million beverage containers during the month of September, providing an 85% redemption rate, the highest rate for the program since redemption services began January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

The redemption rates for selected periods are:

<b>FY 2004-05 (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005):</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>FY 2005-06 to date (July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005):</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Program to date (July 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005):</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Beginning January 1, 2005 through September 31, 2005:</b>	<b>59%</b>

Since deposits began to be charged in October 2004, through September 2005, 727 million deposit beverage containers were sold and 391 million containers were redeemed for recycling at redemption centers, which opened January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

For more information on the State's Deposit Beverage Container Program visit [www.hi5deposit.com](http://www.hi5deposit.com).

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