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BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING REDEMPTION RATES

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) today announced that the Deposit Beverage Container Program helped recycle 48.9 million beverage containers during the month of February, providing a 73% redemption rate.

The redemption rates for selected periods are:

FY 2004-05 (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005):	41%
FY 2005-06 to date (July 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006):	73%
Program to date (July 1, 2004 to February 28, 2006):	58%
Yearly Average (March 1, 2005 – February 28, 2006):	68%

Since deposits began to be charged in October 2004, through January 2006, 1.14 billion deposit beverage containers were sold and over 665 million containers were redeemed for recycling at redemption centers, which opened January 1st, 2005.

For more information on the State's Deposit Beverage Container Program visit www.hawaii.gov/health or www.hi5deposit.com.

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