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DOH SETTLES WITH REYNOLDS RECYCLING INC. FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM

HONOLULU — The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch has signed a Settlement Agreement with Reynolds Recycling, Inc. (Reynolds) for violations of Hawaii's Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) law.

DOH filed an enforcement case against Reynolds for violations of the DBC certified redemption center laws and assessed a total penalty of \$42,279 against Reynolds. The DBC violations included: failure to properly inspect redeemed containers; paying refund value on ineligible containers; not paying full refund value for eligible containers; failing to verify customer container counts; failing to post required redemption center signage; and failure to maintain required operating hours.

Reynolds has paid a cash penalty of \$20,039. Additionally, Reynolds will complete three (3) Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPS), which include completion of an Employee and Customer Service Video for use by all certified redemption companies, conducting a Mystery Recycler Program, and implementing an Abandoned Cart Removal Program. Reynolds will be credited for a total of \$22,400 for the successful completion of these SEPS. Reynolds has admitted responsibility for all violations stated in the enforcement case.

Non-compliance with the Settlement Agreement will subject Reynolds Recycling to stipulated penalties of \$1,000 per day.

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