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2004 SCHOOL RECYCLING CHALLENGE TOP WINNERS
UNPRECEDENTED 692,195 CONTAINERS COLLECTED

HONOLULU – Hawaii’s students learned a valuable lesson in recycling and earned much-needed cash for their schools through the Department of Health’s 2004 School Recycling Challenge. In two months, 58 schools throughout the state recycled 692,195 aluminum, plastic and glass beverage containers.

The Recycling Challenge was designed to help to implement the State’s Beverage Container Deposit Law passed by the State Legislature in 2002, by clearing non-refundable beverage containers that did not have the “HI-5” deposit label out of the system. It also served to get young people into the habit of recycling.

Hawaii’s top recycler for the competition is Pearl City Highlands Elementary, which collected 134, 818 containers. The school will receive \$10,000 for its efforts. Kahului Elementary on Maui and Kohala High School on the Big Island will also be awarded \$10,000 each for their help in jump-starting the new HI-5¢, Beverage Container Deposit Program.

Public schools were divided into three categories of large, medium or small based on enrollment. The top three winners in each category are:

Small Schools Category

School Award Containers

- 1st Place Kohala H.S. \$10,000 59,647

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- 2nd Place Voyager Charter School \$5,000 29,530
- 3rd Place Wailupe Valley Elem. \$4,000 19,552

Medium Schools Category

School Award Containers

- 1st Place Pearl City Highlands \$10,000 134,818
- 2nd Place Momilani Elem. \$5,000 80,746
- 3rd Place Pearl Ridge Elem. \$4,000 50,748

Large Schools Category

School Award Containers

- 1st Place Kahului Elem. \$10,000 26,072
- 2nd Place H.P. Baldwin H.S. \$5,000 19,793
- 3rd Place Kalani H.S. \$4,000 19,753

Foodland, 7-Eleven Stores and Star Market also partnered with the Department of Health to sponsor a separate competition for private schools. These retailers worked together to provide cash awards to the top three private schools: St. Theresa (Kekaha), St. Catherine and Maryknoll High School.

Participating schools that did not receive cash prizes will receive the material value of the containers they collected from Reynolds Recycling, Atlas Recycling, Honolulu Recovery, and Maui Disposal Inc.

“The schools that participated in the challenge have done a great job of recycling for our state, and served to motivate people to get into the habit of recycling,” said Health Director Chiyome Fukino, M.D. “We thank our partners for helping us to provide awards for all participants. We hope schools will consider making recycling a year-round activity.”

For more information on Hawaii’s deposit beverage container redemption program, visit the Department of Health website (www.hi5deposit.com), or call 2-1-1 or the Department of Health at (808) 586-4226.

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