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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO
DETERMINE THE TOTAL SCRAP VALUE OF ALL ALUMINUM DEPOSIT
BEVERAGE CONTAINERS REDEEMED SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM AND THE FISCAL
IMPACT OF BASING REDEMPTION ON A PER CONTAINER BASIS.

1 WHEREAS, implementation of the Deposit Beverage Container
2 Program established under chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
3 began in 2002; and

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5 WHEREAS, prior to the program's implementation, individuals
6 were paid "scrap value" for container's redeemed at recycling
7 redemption locations; and

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9 WHEREAS, since the deposit beverage container program
10 began, the "scrap value" payment practice was halted; and

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12 WHEREAS, under the current program, individuals must pay a
13 deposit on a "per container" basis when purchasing beverages in
14 a container that properly indicates a refund value; and

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16 WHEREAS, individuals redeeming deposit beverage containers
17 receive the refund value when the containers are counted
18 individually; and

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20 WHEREAS, when containers are redeemed in bulk, they are
21 weighed and refunded the value of the deposit beverage
22 containers based on that weight which is often an amount less
23 than if the containers were counted by hand; and

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25 WHEREAS, the "scrap value" of the containers is not paid to
26 the consumer, only the deposit refund value; and

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28 WHEREAS, redemption centers that accept deposit beverage
29 containers that are aluminum are able to retain the "scrap
30 value" of the containers; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of Health
4 is requested to conduct a study to determine:

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6 (1) The total scrap value of all aluminum deposit beverage
7 containers redeemed since the implementation of the
8 deposit beverage container program; and
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10 (2) The fiscal impact of basing redemption on a per
11 container basis; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health is
14 requested to submit its findings and recommendations to the
15 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the Regular Session of 2008; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.
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