### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALKALINE BATTERY RECYCLING.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 342I, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended by add	ing a new part to be appropriately designated and	
3	to read as fol	lows:	
4	•	, "PART	
5	ALKALINE BATTERY RECYCLING		
6	§342I-A	Alkaline batteries; collection for recycling. A	
7	person selling	alkaline batteries at retail or offering alkalin	е
8	batteries for	retail sale in the State shall:	
9	(1) Pay	to the department, at the point of purchase by a	
10	custo	omer, an alkaline battery surcharge for each new	
11	alka	line battery sold to a customer in an amount to b	е
12	estal	blished by the department pursuant to rules	
13	adop	ted in accordance with chapter 91;	
14	(2) Acce	pt and provide a refund for each used alkaline	
15	batte	ery returned from a customer, regardless of	
16	whet	her the customer purchases any new alkaline	
17	batte	eries, and at an amount per battery to be	

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1	established by the department pursuant to rules		
2	adopted in accordance with chapter 91; and		
3	(3) Post written notice that shall be at least five inches		
4	by seven inches in size and shall contain the		
5	universal recycling symbol and the following language:		
6	(A) "Recycle your used alkaline batteries"; and		
7	(B) "State law requires us to accept and provide a		
8	refund for used alkaline batteries returned for		
· 9	recycling".		
10	§342I-B Recycling. Any person accepting used alkaline		
11	batteries for recycling shall transport the used alkaline		
12	batteries to a transfer facility approved by the department.		
13	§342I-C Deposit into environmental management special		
14	fund. The surcharge collected pursuant to this part shall be		
15	deposited into a special account in the environmental management		
16	special fund established by section 342G-63. All interest		
17	earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to		
18	this section shall become part of the account. Moneys from the		
19	special account may be used by the department to:		
20	(1) Provide refunds to customers returning used alkaline		
21	batteries to persons selling alkaline batteries at		

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1		retail or offering alkaline batteries for retail sale
2		in the State; and
3	(2)	Implement the surcharge program under this part.
4	§3 <b>4</b> 2	I-D Recordkeeping. All persons selling alkaline
5	batteries	at wholesale or offering alkaline batteries for
6	wholesale	sale in the State shall maintain records for three
7	years tha	t provide, at a minimum, the following information:
8	(1)	The name, phone number, and address of the person from
9		whom the alkaline batteries were received;
10	(2)	The date of receipt of the alkaline batteries; and
11	(3)	The record of shipment indicating the ultimate retail
12		destination of the alkaline batteries and the date of
13		shipment.
14	§342	I-E Entry and inspection of records. The director of
15	health may enter and inspect any building or place for the	
16	purpose of:	
17	(1)	Investigating an actual or suspected violation of this
18		part;
19	(2)	Conducting reasonable tests;
20	(3)	Taking samples; and
21	(4)	Reviewing and copying records.

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- 1 §342I-F Penalties. (a) Any person who violates this part
- 2 shall be fined not more than \$ for each separate
- 3 offense; provided that the failure to post the notice required
- 4 under section 342I-A, following a warning issued by the director
- 5 of health, shall be subject to a fine of \$2,000 for each
- 6 separate offense. Each battery improperly disposed of or
- 7 accepted shall constitute a separate offense. The fines imposed
- 8 pursuant to this subsection shall be cumulative. Remedies shall
- 9 be by citation, administrative action, or civil action.
- 10 (b) Any person who knowingly or wilfully violates this
- 11 part shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 12 (c) The director may institute a civil action in any court
- 13 of competent jurisdiction for injunctive and other relief to:
- 14 (1) Prevent any violation of this part;
- 15 (2) Impose and collect civil penalties;
- 16 (3) Collect administrative penalties; or
- 17 (4) Obtain other relief.
- 18 The court may grant relief in accordance with the Hawaii rules
- 19 of civil procedure."
- 20 SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section
- 21 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute

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- 1 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
- 2 the new sections in this Act.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 5 begun before its effective date.
- 6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

Alkaline batteries; Recycling

### Description:

Establishes recycling program for alkaline batteries.

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