#### THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

## S.B. NO. 633

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### 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 adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3	to read as follows:
4	"PART
5	ALKALINE BATTERY RECYCLING
6	§342I-A Alkaline batteries; collection for recycling. A
7	person selling alkaline batteries at retail or offering alkaline
8	batteries for retail sale in the State shall:
9	(1) Pay to the department, at the point of purchase by a
10	customer, an alkaline battery surcharge for each new
11	alkaline battery sold to a customer in an amount to be
12	established by the department pursuant to rules
13	adopted in accordance with chapter 91;
14	(2) Accept and provide a refund for each used alkaline
15	battery returned from a customer, regardless of
16	whether the customer purchases any new alkaline
17	batteries, 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	§3421	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 that	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]	-E Entry and inspection of records. The director of
15	health may	v 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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appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
 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.

INTRODUCED BY: Muhille Klaini (br)

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**Report Title:** Alkaline batteries; Recycling

Description: Establishes recycling program for alkaline batteries.

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