
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that plastic scrap is
2 highly problematic because it has low economic value, is
3 difficult to recycle, and does not easily break down in the
4 environment. For over a decade, China has been importing the
5 majority of the United States' plastic scrap. However, in July
6 2017, China announced that it will effectively ban imports on
7 twenty-four types of scrap. This has disrupted the global
8 recycling market and necessitates that Hawaii continue to
9 innovate and improve to find local alternatives to plastics
10 recycling in this changing market.

11 The legislature further finds that the current redemption
12 rate of the deposit beverage container program is 67 per cent,
13 down from 78.7 per cent in 2009. The all-time lowest redemption
14 rate since the program's inception occurred in 2016, at 66.9 per
15 cent. Efforts need to be made to increase the redemption rate
16 and ensure that less plastic is being deposited in landfills and
17 the ocean.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Establish and fund a plastics recycling grant program

3 to identify Hawaii-based alternatives for the

4 sustainable recycling and reuse of plastic

5 commodities;

6 (2) Require the department of health to set benchmarks to

7 reach an eighty-five per cent redemption rate by

8 July 1, 2023;

9 (3) Require the department of health to annually report to

10 the legislature on redemption rates, progress, and

11 plans regarding the deposit beverage container

12 program; and

13 (4) Appropriate funds to establish two positions for the

14 glass advance disposal fee program.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

16 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and

17 to read as follows:

18 "PART . PLASTICS RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

19 §342G- Plastics recycling grant program. There is

20 established within the department the plastics recycling grant

21 program to provide grants to identify Hawaii-based alternatives



1 for the sustainable recycling and reuse of plastic commodities
2 within the State. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to
3 chapter 91 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
4 section."

5 SECTION 3. Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding two new sections to part VIII to be
7 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

8 "§342G- Redemption benchmarks. No later than January 1,
9 2019, the department shall establish benchmarks to reach a
10 redemption rate of eighty-five per cent by July 1, 2023.

11 §342G- Reporting requirements. The department shall
12 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
13 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
14 twenty days before the convening of each regular session
15 detailing redemption rates, progress, and plans regarding the
16 deposit beverage container program."

17 SECTION 4. There is established one full-time equivalent
18 (1.0 FTE) environmental health specialist IV position and one
19 full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) planner IV position for the glass
20 advance disposal fee program within the department of health.



1 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for two
4 full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for the glass advance
5 disposal fee program, which shall be allocated as follows:

- 6 (1) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
7 environmental health specialist IV position; and
8 (2) \$ for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE)
9 planner IV position.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
11 health for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 6. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
15 plastics recycling grant program.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
17 health for the purposes of this Act.

18 SECTION 7. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Deposit Beverage Container Program; Benchmarks; Plastics
Recycling Grant Program; Glass Advance Disposal Fee Program;
Reporting Requirements; Positions; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Health to set benchmarks to reach an 85% redemption rate by 2023. Establishes and appropriates funds for a plastics recycling grant program to identify Hawaii-based alternatives for the sustainable recycling and reuse of plastic commodities. Requires the Department of Health to annually report to the Legislature on redemption rates, progress, and plans regarding the deposit beverage container program. Appropriates funds to establish 2 positions for the glass advance disposal fee program. (SB3099 HD1)

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