HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII H.B. NO. **1993**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEVERAGE CONTAINERS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 342G-113, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 amended to read as follows: 2 "§342G-113 Redemption of empty deposit beverage 3 containers. (a) [Except as provided in subsection (b), a] A 4 5 dealer shall: Operate a redemption center by July 1, 2005, and shall 6 (1) accept all types of empty deposit beverage containers 7 with a Hawaii refund value [+] of the kind, size, and 8 brand sold by the dealer; 9 (2) Pay to the redeemer the full refund value for all 10 deposit beverage containers that bear a valid Hawaii 11 refund value; and 12 Ensure each deposit beverage container collected is 13 (3) recycled, and forward documentation necessary to 14 support claims for payment as stated in section 15 342G-119 or rules adopted under this part. 16 [(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any dealer: 17

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1	(1)	Who is located in a high density population area as
2		defined by the director in rules, and within two miles
3		of a certified redemption center that is operated
4		independently of a dealer;
5	(2)	Who is located in a rural area as defined by rule;
6	(3)	Who subcontracts with a certified redemption center to
7		be operated on the dealer's premises;
8	(4)	Whose sales of deposit beverage containers are only
9		via vending machines;
10	(5)	Whose place of business is less than five thousand
11		square fect of interior space;
12	(6)	Who can demonstrate physical or financial hardship, or
13		both, based on specific criteria established by rule;
14		or
15	-{7}	Who meets other criteria established by the director.
16	Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2),	
17	<u>(b)</u>	[the] The director may allow the placement of
18	redemptio	n centers at greater than prescribed distances to
19	accommoda	te geographical features while ensuring adequate
20	consumer convenience.	

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[(c) Regardless of the square footage of a dealer's place 1 of business, dealers who are not redemption centers shall post a 2 clear and conspicuous sign at the primary public entrance of the 3 dealer's place of business that specifies the name, address, and 4 hours of operation of the closest redemption center locations. 5 (d) If there is no redemption center within the two-mile 6 radius of a dealer due to the criteria described in subsection 7 (b), then the respective county and the State shall determine 8 the need for a redemption center in that area. If a redemption 9 center is deemed necessary, then the State, with assistance from 10 the county, shall establish the redemption center with funding 11 from the deposit beverage container deposit special fund.] 12 (c) Regional centers for the redemption of refillable 13 beverage containers may be established, in addition to but not 14 as substitutes, for the means established for refunds of 15 deposits prescribed in subsection(a). 16 [(c)] (d) Businesses that sell deposit beverages for on-17 premises consumption, such as hotels, bars, and restaurants, 18 shall collect used deposit beverage containers from the patron 19 and either use a certified redemption center for the collection 20

21 of containers or become a certified redemption center."

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SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 1 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 2

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 3

INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title: Beverage Redemption Centers; Refillable Beverage Containers; Beverage Container Refunds; Regional Centers

Description:

Allows for the establishment of additional regional centers for the redemption of refillable beverage containers. Repeals exemptions for certain beverage dealers.

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