HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SMOKING.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 328J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to read as follows:
4	" <u>\$328J-</u> Smoking sensor rebate program. (a) The
5	department shall administer a rebate program that incentivizes
6	the installation of smoking sensors.
7	(b) An applicant may be eligible for a rebate under the
8	rebate program if the applicant installs a smoking sensor that
9	can detect a smoking incident within smoking-prohibited areas.
10	(c) Each eligible installation of a smoking sensor shall
11	receive a rebate of either per cent of the retail cost of
12	the smoking sensor or \$, whichever is less; provided
13	that no individual shall receive more than \$ in total
14	rebates each fiscal year.
15	(d) The department may issue rebates under this section if
16	sufficient funds are available in the tobacco prevention and
17	control trust fund pursuant to section 328L-5(c) and shall not

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1	be requir	ed to pay any refund if sufficient funds are not
2	available	. The department shall not issue more than
3	\$	in total rebates under this section each fiscal
4	year. Th	e department shall allow valid claims filed by eligible
5	applicant	s for whom sufficient funds may not be immediately
6	available	to receive a rebate if funds become available in a
7	subsequen	t year.
8	<u>(e)</u>	The department shall:
9	(1)	Prepare any forms that may be necessary for an
10		applicant to claim a rebate pursuant to this section;
11		and
12	(2)	Require each applicant to furnish reasonable
13		information to ascertain the validity of the claim,
14		including but not limited to documentation necessary
15		to demonstrate that the installation for which the
16		rebate is claimed is eligible.
17	(f)	This section shall apply to smoking sensors installed
18	after	, 2024.
19	(g)	Applicants shall submit applications to the department
20	within	of the date that the newly installed smoking sensor
21	is placed	into service to claim a rebate from the smoking sensor



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1	rebate program. Failure to apply to the department
2	within of the date that the newly installed smoking sensor
3	is placed into service shall constitute a waiver of the right to
4	claim the rebate. Rebates shall be subject to available funds,
5	and the program administrator shall not approve additional
6	rebates for the remainder of the fiscal year after program funds
7	have been fully exhausted.
8	(h) Nothing in this section shall alter taxes due on the
9	original purchase of a smoking sensor that is the subject of the
10	rebate. Any rebate received pursuant to this section shall not
11	be considered income for the purposes of state or county taxes.
12	(i) The department may contract with a third-party
13	administrator to operate and manage the smoking sensor rebate
14	program. The third-party administrator shall not be deemed to
15	be a governmental body as defined in section 103D-104; provided
16	that all moneys transferred to the third-party administrator
17	shall have been appropriated by the legislature or shall be from
18	moneys provided by the federal government or private funding
19	sources. The third-party administrator shall not expend more
20	than per cent of the amounts appropriated for the rebate
21	program, or any other reasonable percentage determined by the

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1	department, for administration of the smoking sensor rebate
2	program.
3	(j) For purposes of this section, "smoking sensor" means a
4	device that monitors and immediately detects smoking within a
5	specified area and sends a location-specific alert and a
6	timestamped scientific report of the smoking incident to the
7	user using wireless communication technology."
8	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
9	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.





Report Title:

DOH; Smoking; Smoking Sensor; Rebate Program; Hawaii Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund

Description:

Establishes a Smoking Sensor Rebate Program under the Department of Health to offer a rebate for installation of smoking sensors that can detect a smoking incident within smoking-prohibited areas. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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