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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2025

TIME: 12:00PM

PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is for the Department of Health (DOH) to update the public and the committee on the Deposit Beverage Container Program, a critical component of the state's recycling efforts. The Department will present its strategy for modernizing and enhancing program efficiency, accountability, and financial integrity. This includes detailing the DOH's current initiatives to implement statutorily required improvements to program oversight and deploy new electronic reporting technologies.

List of individuals/ Departments that will be present:

- Office of the Auditor Les Kondo, State Auditor
- Department of Health Lane Otsu, Solid Waste Management Coordinator
- Department of Health Lene Ichinotsubo, Solid Waste Section Supervisor
- Department of Health Kathleen Ho, Deputy Director for Environmental Health

Agenda:

- I. State Auditor Presentation
- II. Department of Health Deposit Beverage Container Program Overview
- III. Addressing Office of the Auditor Report Recommendations
 - a. Strengthening Program Objectives & Procedures
 - b. Audits & Process Improvement
 - c. Electronic Reporting System

No public testimony will be accepted.

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Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair

Senator Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate