

ACT 64

S.B. NO. 1947

A Bill for an Act Making an Emergency Appropriation for the Deposit Beverage Container Program.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

SECTION 2. The purpose of this Act is to provide sufficient moneys to meet the increased expenses of the deposit beverage container program by making an emergency appropriation to increase the spending ceiling of the deposit beverage container deposit special fund by \$10,000,000, from \$52,255,620 to \$62,255,620, for fiscal year 2006-2007.

This fiscal year, expenses will exceed the appropriation ceiling because the number of deposit beverage containers actually sold (approximately 960,000,000) will greatly exceed estimates of two years ago (approximately 800,000,000). Increased container numbers plus the current redemption rate of about sixty-eight per cent results in more deposits to refund and more redemption center handling fees for the department to pay; refunds and handling fees will easily exceed \$58,000,000. There are also increased administrative expenses, due in part to more staff and miscellaneous expenses.

The special fund has enough moneys to pay the emergency appropriation.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the deposit beverage container deposit special fund the sum of \$10,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for the purpose of reimbursing deposit beverage container refund values, for paying handling fees to redemption centers, and for operating costs of the fund for deposit beverage container activities described.

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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 9, 2007.)