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**RECYCLING OF DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS REMAINS HIGH
AT 68% REDEMPTION RATE**

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has determined the deposit beverage container annual redemption rate (calculated from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007) is 68%.

“Based on redemption center reports, more than 636 million containers were redeemed last fiscal year, helping to reduce litter and conserve resources,” said Karl Motoyama, of the Department of Health’s Office of Solid Waste Management.

State law allows that, if the annual redemption rate is above 70 percent, the deposit beverage container fee may be increased by a half cent to cover additional costs. The law requires the determination be made August 1 each year.

Based on the redemption rate of 68%, the Hawai'i Deposit Beverage Container Program’s deposit and fee will continue at six-cents — a five-cent deposit to be returned to the consumer when the container is recycled and a non-refundable one-cent (1¢) fee for administrative costs.

For more information on the State’s Deposit Beverage Container Program visit www.hi5deposit.com.

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