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DOH UPDATES WEIGHING RATES FOR RECYCLING HI-5 DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

HONOLULU — The Hawai'i State Department of Health, Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch is announcing the updated rates for the Hawai'i Deposit Beverage Container redemptions by weight under Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 342G, Part VIII.

Weight rates for segregated containers

Certified redemption centers may weigh loads of empty deposit beverage containers and pay out deposits based on a weight rates by material type. Consumers may request hand counts of container loads of two hundred (200) or less. The loads must be segregated by material type and contain 100% Hawai'i deposit beverage containers. The segregated rates are as follows:

The new rates beginning November 16, 2009:

- One pound of plastic bottles = 17.4 containers
- One pound of plastic bottles sized 17 fluid ounce or less = 24.4 containers
- One pound of aluminum products = 31.4 containers
- One pound of bi-metal products = 4.6 containers
- One pound of glass = 2.3 bottles

These rates are effective beginning November 16, 2009 and will be in effect until further notice is provided. The department periodically evaluates its deposit beverage container weights and updates its segregated rates accordingly to reflect recent trends in container packaging.

For more information contact the Department of Health at (808) 586-4226 or visit www.hi5deposit.com.

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