

# DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM A.K.A THE BOTTLE BILL



When you go to the store to buy your favorite beverages this month, you may be charged an extra 6¢ per labeled beverage container.

To comply with Hawaii's new beverage container law, retailers may begin charging a five-cent refundable deposit on each container marked

with the "HI-5" label. The 1¢ non-refundable fee helps run the recycling program. The 5¢ deposit fee is refundable.

Refundable means you get the five-cent deposit back by simply taking the container to a Redemption Center near you, beginning Jan. 1, 2005.

Although the program doesn't officially start until January, the

stores may charge the 5¢ deposit beginning Nov. 1st on labeled plastic bottles and aluminum/metal beverage containers 64 oz. and under.

So check the tops or sides for "HI-5" and start collecting them now for the cash refund beginning January 2005.

For more information call Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch at 586-4226.

## New Beverage Charges 1¢ Container Fee

This is a non-refundable fee that pays redemption centers to process and recycle the containers.

## 5¢ Deposit per Container

The deposit is refunded to customers when they take their empty containers to a redemption center to be recycled.

(For example, a 24 pack of beverages will have an extra \$1.44 added to cover the deposit and fee. You can get up to \$1.20 back when you turn in your containers at a Redemption center after January 1, 2005)

## When Charges Begin

### October 1, 2004

1¢ Non-refundable Container Fee



## November 1, 2004

5¢ Deposit per container (only on labeled deposit beverage containers)

## January 1, 2005

All beverage containers required by law to have a deposit will need to be labeled in order to be sold. Unlabeled containers cannot be sold after December 31, 2004.

## Deposit Labels

Look for the following markings on the side or top of the beverage container: HI 5¢, Hawaii 5¢, or CT, DE, HI, IA, ME, NY,OR, MA, VT, 5¢

## Deposit Beverages

### Beverage type

All non-alcoholic drinks (soda, water, juice, tea, coffee), except for milk or dairy products.

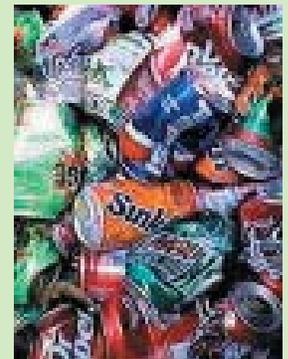
### Limited alcoholic drinks

(beer, malt beverages, mixed spirits, mixed wine)

### Container material type

Aluminum/metal, glass, plastic

Note: Only plastics #1 and #2 are covered under the law. Look for the triangle and number symbol on the plastic container.



## Container size

64 fluid ounces or less

Note: 2 liter containers are not covered under the law.

## Container Information

Containers must be empty and clean. Containers must not be crushed.

## Get Your Deposit Back

Starting January 1, 2005, certified redemption centers will refund deposits to people who recycle their empty deposit beverage containers. Look for a sign located at the store entrance that gives the name and location of the nearest certified redemption center.