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HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CITES HAWAIIAN ISLES WATER COMPANY AND THE FRS COMPANY FOR HI-5 VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has issued a Notice of Violation and Order against Royal Hawaiian Water Co., Ltd. dba Hawaiian Isles Water Company (Hawaiian Isles) and The FRS Company. The two companies were fined for late payments and reports required of beverage distributors under the state's Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) Program law, also known as the HI-5 program.

Hawaiian Isles was delinquent for the monthly reporting period of Feb. 1 to 28, 2014, and The FRS Company was delinquent for the semi-annual reporting period from Feb. 1 to June 30, 2014.

Hawaii Revised Statutes §342G-105 requires beverage distributors to submit monthly or semi-monthly distributor reports and payments to the Hawaii Department of Health no later than the 15th calendar day of the month following the end of the payment period for the previous month.

Both Hawaiian Isles and The FRS Company received multiple written notices reminding them about the reporting requirements prior to being assessed a penalty. The penalty for Hawaiian Isles was \$3,960 and the penalty for The FRS Company was \$400.

Both Hawaiian Isles and The FRS Company may request a hearing to contest the alleged facts and penalty.

Since its inception in January 2005, the HI-5 program has recycled more than five billion containers. Each year, more than 900 million beverage containers are sold in Hawaii. The program was designed to encourage Hawaii consumers to recycle their beverage containers to prevent these containers from ending up in the waste stream or as litter.

As an incentive, the Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Program places a 5 cent redeemable deposit on each beverage container. Consumers receive their 5 cents back when they return their containers to a redemption center. The fees are assessed to distributors based on the reported number of beverages sold to consumers.

For more information on the state's Deposit Beverage Container Program, visit www.hi5deposit.com.

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About the Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch

The Hawaii Department of Health's Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch oversees the management of solid waste generated within Hawaii to prevent releases of petroleum, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment through aggressive enforcement of environmental laws and regulations. The branch promotes pollution prevention and waste minimization activities and the development of partnerships with the community.

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