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LANAI HI-5 REDEMPTION CENTER CLOSURE

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) was notified by Maui Disposal that they are closing their Lanai Certified Redemption Center at the end of their current contract with the Department. Maui Disposal currently operates their Lanai center under a contract that runs through Dec. 31, 2015. DOH is seeking a new operator and will request new proposals from interested parties in January 2016.

“We apologize for this temporary inconvenience to the community,” said Keith Kawaoka, deputy director of Environmental Health. “The department hopes to have a certified redemption center in operation again soon using state subsidies that have been provided since 2008.”

The Deposit Beverage Container Program provides an annual state subsidy of approximately \$100,000 to maintain the operation of a Certified Redemption Center on the island of Lanai. The center provides convenience for island residents and encourages recycling of beverage containers. In November, DOH conducted its annual Request for Proposals to operate a redemption center on Lanai. The Department received only one proposal in response to its request, and the bid amount far exceeded the annual subsidy. As a result, the Department cancelled the solicitation and will re-solicit new proposals from interested parties in 2016. Notice of future procurements will be available at <http://health.hawaii.gov/hi5/>

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