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DOH SETTLES WITH GARDEN ISLE DISPOSAL INC. FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM

HONOLULU — The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) Office of Solid Waste Management has signed a Settlement Agreement with Garden Isle Disposal, Inc. (GID) for violations of Hawai'i's Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) law.

DOH filed an enforcement case against GID for violations of the DBC certified redemption center laws and assessed a total penalty of \$41,110 against GID. From August 1, 2005 through March 23, 2006, GID used an unapproved segregated weight value per pound to calculate redemption value by weight for plastic deposit beverage containers. GID used the unapproved rate to calculate deposit reimbursements and handling fee claims submitted to DOH on monthly DR-1 and HR-1 report forms.

In fulfilling its obligations under the Settlement Agreement, GID has paid a cash penalty of \$15,216. Additionally, GID has paid \$15,000 to fund a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). GID provided funding to Garden Isle Resource, Conservation & Development for the Zero Waste Kaua'i (ZWK) SEP. The SEP funds will be used to expand ZWK's education efforts and increase ZWK's assistance to others to maximize waste diversion. GID has not denied responsibility for the violations stated in the enforcement case.

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