

# F.A.Q. Labeling Deposit Containers

## *Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Program*



### **What needs to be marked on the container?**

Containers need to clearly indicate the word "Hawaii" or the letters "HI" along with the deposit value of 5 cents. The size of the lettering must be a minimum of 1/8 of an inch.

### **Examples**

**HI 5¢      HAWAII 5¢      Hawaii 5¢**  
CT, DE, HI, IA, ME, NY, OR, MA, VT, 5¢

### **Is there an option for containers that do not have the HI 5¢ label?**

Unlabeled deposit beverage containers shall not be sold. If a deposit beverage container lacks the required HI 5¢ label then the container must be labeled before sale. Labeling can be accomplished by applying a "HI 5¢" sticker to the container. Stickers need to be strong enough to stay on the containers when they get wet. Grocers or retailers that apply stickers to deposit beverage containers must report and pay the 5¢ deposit and 1¢ container fee for those containers. Reporting forms and payment instructions are available on our website at <http://health.hawaii.gov/hi5/distributors/>.

### **Here is a list of manufacturers who make HI 5¢ labels.**

Dana Labels, Inc.

(808) 845-3262

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## Labeling Requirements in Law

[§342G-112] Deposit beverage container requirements.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), every deposit beverage container sold in this State shall clearly indicate the refund value of the container and the word "Hawaii" or the letters "HI". The names or letters representing the names of other states with comparable deposit legislation may also be included in the indication of refund value. Other indications may be required as specified in rules.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to any type of refillable glass beverage container which has a brand name permanently marked on it and which has the equivalent of a refund value of at least 5 cents which is paid upon receipt of such container by a dealer or distributor.

## Labeling Requirements in Administrative Rules

§11-282-21 Deposit beverage container requirements.

(a) Every deposit beverage container sold or offered for sale in the State shall have the Hawaii refund value clearly indicated in accordance with section 342G-112, HRS. Additionally all deposit beverage containers shall have:

1. The refund value affixed on the top or side of the container in letters at least 1/8 inch in size; and
2. The refund value clearly, prominently, and indelibly marked on it by painting, printing, scratch embossing, raised letter embossing, or by securely affixed stickers.

