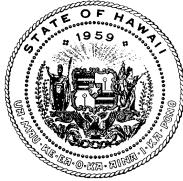


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September 12, 2025

NOTICE TO DEPOSIT BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS

SUBJECT: Cancellation of September 30, 2025 Distributor Independent Audit Deadline

On September 10, 2025, Governor Josh Green, M.D. signed Executive Order 25-04¹, precluding enforcement of Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) §342G-121.5(c)(2) for calendar year 2025. HRS §342G-121.5(c)(2) requires Deposit beverage distributors to obtain independent audits for years ending in an odd number. Executive Order 25-04 finds that the independent audit requirement has caused some Deposit beverage distributors financial hardship.

Due to the issuance of Executive Order 25-04, the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) Program is cancelling its Sept. 30, 2025, deadline for distributor independent audits. This memorandum rescinds Part 3 of the DBC Program's February 27, 2025 Notice to Deposit beverage distributors² and the DBC Program's April 24, 2025 Correction to First Independent Audit Due Date.³

The DBC Program may recommend potential amendments to the Hawai'i State Legislature regarding HRS §342G-121.5(c)(2) to ensure that the program can verify accuracy and completeness of Deposit beverage distributor data without imposing undue financial hardship on distributors.

If Deposit beverage distributors have questions, please email the DBC program at DOH.DBCDistributor@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joanna L. Seto".

JOANNA L. SETO, P.E., CHIEF
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¹ Exec. Order 25-04 (Haw. 2025), https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2509023_EO-25-04.pdf

² Hawaii State Department of Health, Notice to Deposit Beverage Distributors (Feb. 27, 2025), <https://health.hawaii.gov/his5/files/2025/03/DOH-Distributor-Audit-Letter.pdf>.

³ Hawaii State Department of Health, Correction to First Independent Audit Due Date (Apr. 24, 2025), <https://health.hawaii.gov/his5/files/2025/04/Correction-Independent-Audit-Due-Date.pdf>