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### **HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CITES THE BODY SHOP FOR GLASS ADVANCED DISPOSAL FEE VIOLATIONS;**

### **DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM OBTAINS CONVICTION FOR FRAUD**

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Department of Health has issued a Notice of Violation and Order against Buth-Na-Bodhaige, Inc. dba The Body Shop for failing to submit its annual report and payment required of glass container importers. The Body Shop was delinquent for the annual reporting period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2015.

The State's Glass Advanced Disposal Fee (ADF) law (Hawaii Revised Statutes Section §342G-85) requires glass container importers to submit container inventory reports and payments to the Department of Health no later than the 15th calendar day of the month following the end of the payment period. The Body Shop received an Informal Notice and Finding of Violation and Order on March 16, 2016, reminding them of reporting requirements prior to being assessed a penalty.

The Department of Health has assessed an administrative penalty against The Body Shop for the amount of \$250 for failure to comply with ADF law. The Body Shop may request a hearing to contest the alleged facts and penalty. For more information on the Glass Advanced Disposal Fee Program go to <http://health.hawaii.gov/shwb/sw-adf/>

#### **Maui Fraud Conviction**

In other recycling news, the Department of Health's Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) Program successfully prosecuted a Maui resident for fraud. Joel K. Liu, Jr. pleaded guilty to one count of first degree theft and four counts of forgery in the second degree for taking funds earmarked for the program.

Liu submitted false invoices to be paid from the state after being awarded a state contract to start a certified redemption center. Liu was ordered to a one-year prison term and to repay the DBC Program back \$132,965. Liu's sentence is part of his five-year probation.

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