



HAWAII STATE
DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH

COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

S.B. 2350, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER SPECIAL
FUND

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1 **Department's Position:** The department strongly supports this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** \$1.6 million

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill proposes to allocate \$1.1 million in deposit program funds
4 towards county litter control efforts. The improper disposal of used beverage containers was cited as a
5 major issue when the original deposit program bill was being debated at this legislature. The
6 administration is now proposing to enlist deposit program funds to provide the counties funding to
7 directly address this problem.

8 In order to carry out this proposal, we suggest amending this bill to modify Hawaii Revised Statute
9 Ch. 342G-104(b), which lists the allowed uses of deposit beverage container special funds, to include
10 litter control activities.

11 This bill also proposes to allocate \$500,000 to assist dealers in the implementation of the deposit
12 beverage container program. This proposal continues efforts set forth in Act 228 of the 2005 legislature
13 which sought to support efforts to support implementation of the deposit beverage container program.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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