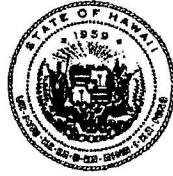


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H.B. 574, Relating to the Deposit Beverage Container Program Date 2/11/09

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health respectfully opposes this bill given the current  
2 difficult financial situation.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** \$10,750,000 over 3 years from the Deposit Beverage Container Program Special  
4 Fund.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill extends the reverse vending machine (RVM) rebate program for  
6 an additional three years and offers financial incentives to cover RVM operational costs for two years.  
7 Appropriates moneys to the counties to plan and operate county recycling programs.

8 The Department of Health appreciates the intent of this bill to encourage more people to open  
9 certified redemption centers and to assist counties with recycling programs. However, in these difficult  
10 financial times, we think it prudent to defer added expenditures from the Department fund. The  
11 Department supports S.B. 884, which proposes transferring monies from the fund to help meet the  
12 state's urgent fiscal needs. In normal times we would likely take a different position, but these are  
13 abnormal times.

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

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**To: Representative Hermina M. Morita, Chair  
Representative Denny Coffman, Vice Chair  
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

**Fr: Terry G. Telfer, President  
Reynolds Recycling**

**Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009, 9 am, Conference Room 325**

**Re: Testimony in support of HB574, Relating to the Deposit Beverage Container Program**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Reynolds Recycling operates the largest network of redemption centers in Hawaii. Reynolds, and other redemption center operators have invested heavily to make the Deposit Beverage Container law a success. The Department of Health has already stated "that the program is well on its way to reaching its eighty per cent goal of redemption of deposit containers, which is an indicator of the programs success".

We believe that HB 574 will go a long way in helping to spur purchases of RVMs to further support this program.

As a leader in Hawaii's recycling industry, Reynolds Recycling remains committed to protecting Hawaii's future by recycling today, and in the future. We support HB 574.

Thank you.

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