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DOH CITES HASEGAWA GENERAL STORE, INC. FOR HI-5 VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) has issued a Notice of Violation and Order against Hasegawa General Store, Inc. for late payments and reports required of beverage distributors by the Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Program Law. Hasegawa General Store, Inc. was delinquent for the semi-annual reporting period of January 1 to June 30, 2013.

Hawaii Revised Statutes Section §342G-105 requires beverage distributors to submit semi-annual distributor reports and payments to the DOH no later than the 15th calendar day of the month following the end of the payment period for the previous month. Hasegawa General Store, Inc. received multiple warning letters reminding them of reporting requirements prior to being assessed a penalty.

DOH has assessed an administrative penalty against Hasegawa General Store, Inc. of \$400 for its failure to comply with deposit beverage container requirements. Hasegawa General Store, Inc. may request a hearing to contest the alleged facts and penalty.

Since its inception, the HI-5 program has recycled more than five billion containers. Consumers can help to recycle as many beverage containers as possible to prevent these containers from ending up in the waste stream or as litter in our community. As an incentive, the Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Program places a 5¢ redeemable deposit on each beverage container. Consumers get back their 5¢ when they return their containers to a redemption center. For more information on the state's Deposit Beverage Container Program, visit www.hi5deposit.com.

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