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Hawaii Department of Health cites Hawaiian Isles Water Company for \$14,400 for HI-5 violations

HONOLULU – The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) has cited Hawaiian Isles Water Company for delinquent reports and payments to the Deposit Beverage Container (DBC) program from August – November 2017. The company has complied with the department's enforcement order and paid a \$14,400 administrative penalty fee and the monthly amounts owed to the state.

Hawaii Revised Statutes §342G-105 requires beverage distributors to submit monthly distributor reports and payments to the DOH no later than the 15th calendar day of the month following the end of the payment period. Hawaiian Isles Water Company received multiple written notices reminding them of reporting and payment requirements prior to being assessed a penalty.

"Distributors can avoid serious penalties by responding to reminders from the state and submitting their payments and reports on time," said DBC Program Manager Darren Park. "Late distributor payments and reports affect program funds and our ability to reimburse recycling companies for containers redeemed and recycled each year."

Hawaii's DBC program funds are used to recycle more than 600 million containers redeemed in the state each year. Through recycling, consumers are helping to remove beverage containers from the waste stream and reduce litter in the community. The program certifies independent recycling companies to operate Certified Redemption Centers (CRCs) statewide. CRCs provide Hawaii consumers with refunds of the five-cent deposit fee that is paid for eligible containers. Beverage distributors submit payments and reports to the program for all HI-5 containers sold within the state.

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