

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

December 3, 2004

**Committee
Report No.**

04-203

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on November 9, 2004, makes reference to County Communication No. 04-241, from the Budget Director, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM FUND".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the acceptance of a grant of \$90,000 from the State Department of Health for the Deposit Beverage Container Program.

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Appendix A, Part I of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Budget, relating to grant revenues, as it pertains to the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management, by appropriating \$90,000 and 2.0 equivalent personnel for the Deposit Beverage Container Program Fund.

By correspondence dated October 27, 2004, the Budget Director submitted a revised proposed bill. The revised proposed bill amends Appendix A, Part I, of the FY 2005 Budget, relating to grant revenues, as it pertains to the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management, by replacing "Solid Waste Grants" with "Deposit Beverage Container Program".

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Your Committee notes that the grant was included in Appendix A, Part I of the FY 2005 Budget (Ordinance No. 3192) under the general heading of "Solid Waste Grants". Therefore, a resolution accepting the grant funds is not required.

Your Committee notes that the Deposit Beverage Container Program, also known as the bottle bill program, is established by Part VIII of Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In addition, your Committee notes that the State Department of Health maintains a website with information on the bottle bill program at the following Internet address: <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/environmental/waste/sw/depbevcon.html>

The website provides the following overview of the bottle bill program:

The intent of this program is to recycle as many beverage containers in the State of Hawaii as possible. Each year, approximately 800 million beverage containers are sold in the state. The majority of these containers are discarded into the waste stream, or as litter in our community. The program places a 5¢ redeemable deposit on each beverage container, and works as an incentive for people to recycle their empty containers.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, the Acting Chief of the Solid Waste Division from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Management, and the Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director of Public Works and Environmental Management explained that the two expansion positions would help implement the bottle bill program. He explained that redemptions would be available under the bottle bill program as of January 1, 2005. Redemption sites will include: the Maui Community College recycling site, the Kihei recycling site, the Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council of Hawaii facility on Lanai, the Molokai Landfill, and the Central Maui Landfill. A site for West Maui is to be announced later. He noted that the only areas without proposed redemption sites are Hana and Upcountry Maui.

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Your Committee notes that a description of the bottle bill program in the FY 2005 Program Budget indicates that the redemption sites would be partially funded by the Beverage Container Tax.

Your Committee expressed concerns that the State is mandating a program and not funding the entire cost of the program.

Your Committee expressed additional concerns that there appears to be confusion among the public about the bottle bill program.

The Director of Public Works and Environmental Management assured your Committee that the County's participation in the bottle bill program was contingent upon receipt of future grant awards.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the revised proposed bill on first reading and filing of the communication.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2004), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 04-241 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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