



Redemption Centers in Selected States



	Alberta	British Columbia	California	Connecticut	Hawaii	Iowa	Maine	Massachusetts	Michigan	New York	Oregon
Population July 1, 2006	3,370,000	4,320,000	36,460,000	3,500,000	1,290,000	2,980,000	1,320,000	6,440,000	10,100,000	19,310,000	3,700,000
Year implemented	1972 - expanded 1989	1970 - expanded 1997	1987	1980	2005	1979	1972	1983	1978	1983	1972
Handling fee paid to store/redemption center	varies	varies	varies	Beer 1.5¢ Soft Drink 2¢	2 to 3¢	1¢	3.5¢ - most 3¢ with comming. agreement	2.25¢	Near zero (25% of unredeemed deposit)	2¢	none
Who pays the handling fee?	Public recycling fee, unredeemed deposits, material sale through ABCRC	Public recycling fee, unredeemed deposits, material sale through Encorp Pacific	Unredeemed deposits	Distributors	Beverage companies, unredeemed deposits	Distributors	Distributors	Distributors	No redemption centers, 25% of unredeemed deposits go to stores	Distributors	No handling fee
# redemption centers	215 full-line, 60 beer-only	169 full-line	2010	16	68 regular centers 21 mobile centers	150, but many closing	200-300	82 free-standing, 45 beer stores	0	471	0
Stores can refuse to accept containers if approved redemption center nearby?	(no return-to-retail)	No - must accept back up to 24 containers per person per day	Yes if a redemption center is within the convenience zone	Yes if a redemption center is within one mile	Yes if within 2 miles of redemption center, if rural, or if they meet exemption	yes	Yes if approved redemption center is nearby.	No	No redemption centers	No	Yes if approved redemption center is nearby (but none now exist)
Regulation of redemption centers	Numerous standards that depots must meet.	Encorp, not government, enforces standards.	Mainly accounting, fraud-prevention requirements. Must be open minimum 30 hours per week.	Very little	Yes - mainly for fraud protection	Very little	Operations approved by state - little regulation	Registration only and sign posting required - nothing else	No redemption centers	Redemption centers just notify State	OLCC requirements (if Oregon had any redemption
Siting	Restrictions limiting nearby competition. Can only apply to BCMB if there is an unserved need.	Encorp seeks depots where needed. Contract provisions limit competition.	Free market, but financial incentives provided by state to have recycling centers near major beverage retail stores.	Free market	Free market but government can work to site centers	Free market	Free market	Free market	None	Free Market	None
Who owns redemption centers?	Private independent	Private independent	Private independent. 2 companies own more than 200 centers each, 2 own between 25 and 200, and other companies own between 1 and 20.	Private independent	Most private independent - some government	Private independent	Private independent - mainly very small - few chains.	Private independent - mainly very small - few chains.	None	Independent. - mainly small, rural.	None
How is public paid at redemption centers?	Cash	Cash	Cash at full-line recyclers, store credits at some convenience-zone recyclers.	Cash	Usually cash	Cash	Generally cash. Clynk/Hanneford have credit account/store credits.	Cash. May discount refund to make up for low handling fee.	No redemption centers	Generally cash	No redemption centers
Fate of unredeemed deposit	Applied to system costs	Applied to system costs	Applied to system costs	Distributor keeps unredeemed deposits	Applied to system costs	Distributor keeps unredeemed deposits	Soft drink/beer distributors keeps unredeemed deposits, others pay unredeemed to state.	State claims unredeemed deposits - about \$38,000,000.	State claims unredeemed 10¢ deposit. High (96%) "return rate" leads to only \$16,300,000 in unredeemed deposits per year.	Distributors keep unredeemed deposits but report to State - \$91,800,000 in 2005.	Distributors keep unredeemed deposits.
Beverages covered	All but milk. Includes cartons. Proposal to add milk just issued by committee	All but milk, milk substitutes. Includes cartons	Beer, soft drink, water, other non-alcoholic beverages, wine coolers and other coolers	Beer, soft drink	Beer, soft drink, water, other non-alcoholic beverages	Beer, soft drink, wine, wine coolers, liquor	All but milk, milk substitutes. Excludes paper cartons.	Beer, soft drink	Beer, soft drink, wine coolers, canned cocktails	Beer, soft drink, wine coolers	Beer, soft drinks, water as of 2009