

# P10-refund for each recycled beverage container pushed

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Siquijor Rep. Rav Rocamora has filed a bill seeking a P10-refund for those who will reuse and recycle beverage containers.

He said the brand owners of beverages should create and implement a management plan that would reuse or recycle their beverage containers.



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The bill also seeks to require brand owners to implement an effective redemption, transportation, processing, marketing, and reporting system for the reuse and recycling of their used beverage containers

He said the returned beverage containers shall be labeled with a “refund value” that is initially pegged at P 10.

“What we are trying to do here is to make recycling a community effort by providing a small reward for returning the beverage container,” Rocamora said.

“When a buyer purchases a drink, he or she will pay an extra amount as a deposit that can be refunded when the container is brought to a return site. This way, it becomes our collective responsibility and not just a burden on the brand owner to collect their own containers,” he said.

Citing a 2015 study by the Ocean Conservancy, he said more than 60,000 pieces of beverage containers, in the form of bottles and caps were collected around the country on the International Coastal Cleanup Day.

“This number is staggering! Imagine: 60,000 pieces were collected by around 256,000 volunteers around our country’s shores in just one day. One day! How much more were left uncollected and are now polluting our waters and killing our marine life? As the representative of Siquijor, this is deeply troubling for me because my constituents depend on the sea for their food and livelihood,” Rocamora said.

He expressed hope that the bill would make people more environmentally conscious that could lead to bigger efforts to make our country green.

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