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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION WASTE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that recycling of  
2 construction and demolition debris can offer substantial  
3 benefits to the State. Through increased recycling of debris,  
4 the State can eliminate nearly two thousand tons of construction  
5 and demolition waste that are currently deposited into landfills  
6 each day. Landfills throughout the State that accept  
7 construction and demolition debris have less than one decade of  
8 life remaining, and all public landfills throughout the State  
9 are also approaching maximum capacity. On Oahu, the Waimanalo  
10 gulch sanitary landfill, the island's only public landfill, has  
11 a closure date of 2028. On Hawaii island, the closing of the  
12 south Hilo sanitary landfill in 2019 leaves only the Puuanahulu  
13 landfill remaining. Kauai's only landfill, the Kekaha landfill,  
14 is expected to become full in about eight years. All landfills  
15 on the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai are expected to reach  
16 capacity in the next twenty years.



1           The legislature also finds that there is a disproportionate  
2 effect on the communities that must bear the burden of hosting  
3 these landfill sites. From declining property values to a  
4 proliferation of environmental consequences, the residents of  
5 communities such as Nanakuli and Kekaha must unfairly endure the  
6 effects of hosting landfill sites. This is a burden that should  
7 be shared and mitigated through an increase in recycling and  
8 diversion of this waste.

9           The purpose of this Act is to establish a working group to  
10 examine how to increase the recycling of construction and  
11 demolition debris.

12           SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department  
13 of health a construction debris recycling working group to  
14 examine how to increase the recycling of construction and  
15 demolition debris.

16           (b) The working group shall consist of:

17           (1) The director of health, or the director's designee,  
18                 who shall serve as chairperson of the working group;  
19                 and

20           (2) One representative from each counties' department that  
21                 oversees recycling or solid waste management.



1 (c) The chairperson of the working group shall invite the  
2 following individuals to become members of the working group:

3 (1) Two representatives from the construction industry;

4 (2) One representative from a union that represents  
5 employees in the construction industry; and

6 (3) One representative from the deconstruction industry.

7 (d) The working group shall submit a report of its  
8 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
9 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
10 to the convening of the regular session of 2025.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Recycling; Construction Waste; Working Group

**Description:**

Establishes a working group within the Department of Health to make recommendations for increasing the recycling of construction and demolition debris. (HD1)

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