THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. 1093

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPOSTING GRANT PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that on-site school
campus composting programs involving students have been very
successful and provide a useful method of waste diversion.
These programs provide numerous benefits to students, taxpayers,
and the environment.

6 The legislature further finds that Act 207, Session Laws of 7 Hawaii 2018, authorized the department of education to establish 8 composting grant pilot projects in the State's schools. The 9 legislature believes that the success of these pilot projects 10 warrant the program's implementation on a broader scale.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a permanent composting grant program within the department of education.

SECTION 2. Chapter 302A Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section part II, subpart C, to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

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1	" <u>\$30</u>	2A- Composting grant program. (a) There is
2	<u>establish</u>	ed within the department a composting grant program.
3	The purpo	se of the program shall be to:
4	(1)	Create opportunities for waste diversion in schools;
5	(2)	Engage students in learning about multiple composting
6		and fermentation methods, as well as methods to test
7		and monitor for effectiveness;
8	<u>(3)</u>	Develop nutrient-rich soil for school gardens and
9		local agricultural endeavors;
10	(4)	Decrease the amount of methane-producing waste
11		directed to landfills; and
12	(5)	Decrease the overall cost to taxpayers of hauling
13		trash.
14	(b)	In establishing the composting grant program, the
15	departmen	t shall:
16	(1)	Develop, adopt, and implement campus composting
17		guidelines, in conjunction with department of health
18		rules, to provide system-wide guidance, including
19		guidance on:
20		(A) Leachate monitoring;
21		(B) Pathogen testing;



1 (C) Community involvement; 2 Fire safety; (D) 3 Material categorization; and (E) 4 Volume recording. (F) Develop and establish networks and relationships with 5 (2) 6 local farms and piggeries that may accept surplus food 7 waste; and 8 Develop and implement guidelines for grant recipients (3) 9 to ensure the program is effective. 10 (c) The department may issue grants to establish 11 composting programs in department schools in accordance with this section. The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to 12 13 chapter 91, to implement the composting grant program. 14 (d) The Hawaii farm to school program, established under section 302A-405.5, shall provide oversight of the composting 15 16 grant program." SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so 18 19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal 20

21 year 2024-2025 for the composting grant program.



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1	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2	of education for the purposes of this Act.
3	SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
4	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.
5	INTRODUCED BY:
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Description:

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