



GOV. MSG. NO. 869

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

July 8, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

I am transmitting herewith SB871 SD2 HD2 CD1, without my approval, and with the statement of objections relating to the measure.

SB871 SD2 HD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD WASTE  
RECYCLING.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 871

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 871, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Food Waste Recycling."

The purpose of this bill is to establish a three-year pilot project in one or more schools for the recycling of food waste as part of the State's integrated solid waste management plan in chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The bill requires the Departments of Education and Health to consider using public-private partnerships and to seek and use public-private sector funding support in developing and implementing the pilot project.

This bill is objectionable because neither the Department of Education nor the Department of Health requested this project. In addition, this bill contains an appropriation of \$25,000 out of the general revenues of the State. I am concerned that this funding may be too limited to obtain any meaningful results and could create an undue burden on the Department of Education and the Department of Health by requiring them to seek funding from the private sector to sustain the project.

While I believe recycling is necessary, I also believe the Department of Education should determine whether such a

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program is warranted and will result in cost savings.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning Senate Bill  
No. 871 without my approval.

Respectfully,



LINDA LINGLE  
Governor of Hawaii

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD WASTE RECYCLING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that waste disposal is an  
2 issue of critical importance throughout the islands. Section  
3 226-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, declares that "it shall be the  
4 policy of this State to . . . [p]romote re-use and recycling to  
5 reduce solid and liquid wastes and employ a conservation ethic."

6           The legislature further finds that state facilities and  
7 public schools are among the largest institutional sources of  
8 food waste, in spite of current recycling efforts. Despite  
9 statewide policies, recycling efforts still reduce only a  
10 fraction of the solid and liquid waste generated. Landfills on  
11 all islands are approaching or have already reached their  
12 maximum capacity, and both the expansion of current landfills  
13 and relocation efforts are meeting widespread community  
14 opposition.

15           Food waste recycling falls within the program elements of  
16 the integrated solid waste management plans under chapter 342G,  
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1           The purpose of this Act is to establish a three-year pilot  
2 project in one or more schools, to be selected by the department  
3 of education and in partnership with the department of health,  
4 for recycling food waste as part of the State's integrated solid  
5 waste management plans under chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised  
6 Statutes.

7           SECTION 2. (a) The department of education, in  
8 partnership with the department of health, shall develop and  
9 implement a three-year food waste recycling pilot project in one  
10 or more schools that is in accordance with chapter 342G, Hawaii  
11 Revised Statutes.

12           The program sites shall be determined by the department of  
13 education as those most suitable in meeting the pilot project's  
14 objectives.

15           The department of health shall cooperate with the  
16 department of education to develop and implement the components  
17 of the pilot project.

18           (b) In developing and implementing the pilot project, the  
19 department of education and the department of health shall  
20 consider using public-private partnerships and are encouraged to  
21 seek and use public-private sector funding support.



1 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
2 department of education and the department of health may accept  
3 and expend private monetary donations to develop and operate the  
4 pilot project required by this section.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State, the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as  
7 may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to develop and  
8 implement a three-year food waste recycling pilot project in one  
9 or more public schools.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
11 education for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. The department of education, with the  
13 assistance of the department of health, shall submit interim  
14 reports on the pilot project to the legislature no later than  
15 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of  
16 2009 and 2010, and a final report to the legislature no later  
17 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
18 of 2011. The reports shall include information and  
19 recommendations about the efficacy of and the costs associated  
20 with the food waste recycling pilot project. The final report  
21 shall also include a recommendation on whether the food waste  
22 recycling pilot project should be made permanent.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008, and  
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2011.

