
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that environmental
2 concerns are more pressing than ever before and the State should
3 lead by example in terms of moving toward a more environmentally
4 sustainable future. The legislature believes that an effective
5 way to accomplish increased environmental sustainability is to
6 diminish the need for landfills by diverting food and green
7 waste from landfills to composting and energy production.

8 The purpose of this Act is to continue the march to long-
9 term environmental sustainability by establishing a pilot
10 program to explore how private businesses can help create green
11 housing. It authorizes the Hawaii public housing authority to
12 enter into contracts with private businesses to remove food and
13 green waste from the waste stream for use in other business
14 sectors, including agriculture and energy generation.

15 SECTION 2. Section 356D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

17 "(a) The authority may:



- 1 (1) Sue and be sued;
- 2 (2) Have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;
- 3 (3) Make and execute contracts and other instruments
- 4 necessary or convenient to the exercise of its
- 5 powers[+], including contracts with private businesses
- 6 to remove "food waste" and "green waste", as those
- 7 terms are defined in section 342G-1, from public
- 8 housing projects;
- 9 (4) Adopt bylaws and rules in accordance with chapter 91
- 10 for its organization, internal management, and to
- 11 carry into effect its purposes, powers, and programs;
- 12 (5) Sell, lease, rent, hold, maintain, use, and operate
- 13 any property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or
- 14 intangible, in support of its purposes, powers, and
- 15 programs; provided that the sale of real property
- 16 shall be subject to legislative approval;
- 17 (6) Receive by gift, grant, devise, bequest, or otherwise
- 18 from any source, any property, real, personal, or
- 19 mixed, intangible or tangible, absolutely or in trust,
- 20 to be used and disposed of, either the principal or
- 21 the income thereof, for the benefit only of the



1 residents assisted by its programs; provided that no
2 gift to the authority that has an estimated value of
3 \$1,000 or more shall be accepted unless approved or
4 confirmed by the board; and

5 (7) Engage the services of volunteers as deemed
6 appropriate by the authority without regard to chapter
7 76, 89, 90, 103, or 103D."

8 SECTION 3. The Hawaii public housing authority shall
9 submit a report to the legislature, no later than twenty days
10 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018, regarding
11 its progress in contracting with private businesses to remove
12 food and green waste from public housing projects.

13 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon a date to be
16 determined.



Report Title:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA); Waste Diversion

Description:

Establishes a pilot program to develop long-term environmental suitability strategies. Enables the HPHA to utilize private businesses to divert food and green waste from public housing projects. Requires HPHA to report to the Legislature. (HB722 HD1)

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