
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GRANTS FOR LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has grappled
2 with solutions to deal with municipal waste for decades.
3 Landfill capacity is rapidly decreasing, even after creating
4 mitigation measures like exportation and incineration.
5 Currently, the vast majority of recyclable materials are
6 recycled outside the State. Landfill diversion has global
7 environmental benefits, including reducing the need to extract
8 raw materials from mines, such as aluminum, and decreasing the
9 amount of methane gas released into the atmosphere as waste
10 decomposes. Landfills are the third largest source of methane
11 emissions in the United States behind industry and agricultural
12 sources. According to the United States Environmental
13 Protection Agency, methane is the second most prevalent
14 greenhouse gas emitted in the United States from human
15 activities, which has a significant impact on climate change.
16 The legislature further finds that an investment in local
17 recycling facilities is immediately necessary to the human



1 impact on Hawaii's natural environment and mitigate the effects
2 of the climate crisis.

3 The purpose of this Act is to incentivize the development
4 of new recycled products manufacturing, bioconversion, or
5 composting businesses within the State of Hawaii.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
8 and to read as follows:

9 "§342G- (a) There is established in the office a
10 recycled products manufacturing grant program to be administered
11 by the department. The department shall issue grants to
12 recycled products manufacturers or bioconversion or composting
13 businesses to assist them in offsetting the costs of operations
14 within the State.

15 (b) Applications for the grants shall be submitted on a
16 form furnished by the department and shall be filed with any
17 accompanying documentation as may be required by the office.

18 (c) Grant program funds shall be disbursed from the
19 environmental management special fund established under section
20 342G-63, upon approval by the department, to the grantee for up
21 to \$750,000.



1 (d) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
2 91, as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

3 (e) For the purposes of this section "recycled products"
4 means the collection, separation, recovery, and sale or reuse of
5 locally sourced recyclables within the State that would
6 otherwise be disposed of as municipal solid waste, and is an
7 integral part of a manufacturing process aimed at producing a
8 marketable product made of postconsumer material within the
9 State."

10 SECTION 3. Section 342G-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "[+] §342G-14 [+] Powers and duties of the office of solid
13 waste management. The office shall:

- 14 (1) Promote the development of coordinated statewide solid
15 waste management;
- 16 (2) Identify and monitor environmental and public health
17 issues relating to solid waste management;
- 18 (3) Promote source reduction, recycling, and
19 bioconversion, including home composting, through the
20 provision of a comprehensive, innovative, and
21 effective statewide public education and awareness



- 1 program concerning the value of source reduction and
2 recycling, and the way the public can participate in
3 these areas;
- 4 (4) Comply with the federal Resource Conservation and
5 Recovery Act of 1976 (42 United States Code section
6 6901 et seq.) and any other federal law heretofore or
7 hereafter enacted affecting solid waste;
- 8 (5) Seek compliance with sections 226-18, 226-52, and 226-
9 103;
- 10 (6) Assess the feasibility of employing disposal fees,
11 including fees at the point of introduction or sale of
12 any product that would require eventual disposition as
13 solid waste, as possible funding sources for waste
14 management activities;
- 15 (7) Coordinate with the department of land and natural
16 resources to incorporate solid waste management and
17 processing concerns in the department of land and
18 natural resources' land use planning and development
19 efforts;
- 20 (8) Coordinate the bioconversion efforts of appropriate
21 agency and county activities, including the provision



- 1 of technical assistance and the evaluation of
2 bioconversion programs;
- 3 (9) Provide waste evaluation services and assistance in
4 developing paper recycling and other materials
5 programs to both the public and private sector, where
6 feasible;
- 7 (10) Promote the use of enterprise zones in each county to
8 support source reduction, recycling, and
9 bioconversion-type businesses;
- 10 (11) Establish a recycled products manufacturing grant
11 program to incentivize new recycled products
12 manufacturing, bioconversion, or composting businesses
13 in the State;
- 14 [~~(11)~~] (12) Create and maintain a database to assess the
15 composition of the State's waste stream. If feasible,
16 this database shall contain the information necessary
17 to generate the office's annual report;
- 18 [~~(12)~~] (13) Identify and apply for appropriate federal funds
19 to support the programs and activities authorized by
20 this chapter; and



1 [~~13~~] (14) Cooperate with appropriate federal, state, and
2 county agencies in carrying out the office's
3 responsibilities under this chapter."

4 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
7 the implementation of the recycled products manufacturing grant
8 program pursuant to this Act.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
10 solid waste management for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the office of solid waste management to establish the recycled products manufacturing grant program to incentivize new recycled products manufacturing, bioconversion, or composting business within the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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