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

16 (b) Grants awarded under this section shall meet a  
17 standard as determined by the department. Grants made by the  
18 department under this section shall be exempt from chapter 103D.

19 (c) Applications for the grants shall be submitted on a  
20 form furnished by the department and shall be filed with any  
21 accompanying documentation as may be required by the office.



1        (d) Grant program funds shall be disbursed from the  
2 environmental management special fund established under section  
3 342G-63, upon approval by the department, to the grantee for up  
4 to \$750,000.

5        (e) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
6 91 as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

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

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

16        "[+]§342G-14[+] Powers and duties of the office of solid  
17 waste management. The office shall:

- 18        (1) Promote the development of coordinated statewide solid  
19 waste management;
- 20        (2) Identify and monitor environmental and public health  
21 issues relating to solid waste management;



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



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



1        [~~(12)~~] (13) Identify and apply for appropriate federal funds  
2                    to support the programs and activities authorized by  
3                    this chapter; and

4        [~~(13)~~] (14) Cooperate with appropriate federal, state, and  
5                    county agencies in carrying out the office's  
6                    responsibilities under this chapter."

7            SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 to be  
10 deposited into the environmental management special fund.

11           SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the environmental  
12 management special fund the sum of \$                    or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the  
14 recycled products manufacturing grant program.

15           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
16 health for the purposes of this Act.

17           SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DOH; Office of Solid Waste Management; Recycling; Environmental Management; Grant Program; Recycling Facilities; Appropriation

**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. (HD2)

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