
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 recycling, bioconversion, or composting businesses within
5 the State of Hawaii.

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

9 "§342G- Recycling facility grant program . (a) There
10 is established in the office within the department a recycling
11 facility grant program to be administered by the department.
12 The department shall issue grants to recycling facility
13 operators to assist them in offsetting the costs of operations
14 within the State.

15 (b) Grant program funds shall be disbursed from the
16 environmental management special fund established under section
17 342G-63 upon approval by the department, to the recycling
18 facility operator for up to \$750,000.

19 (c) Any recycling facility operator requesting a grant
20 shall:



- 1 (1) Be licensed and accredited, as applicable, under the
2 laws of the State;
- 3 (2) Submit its request together with all the information
4 required by the director on an application form
5 provided by the department;
- 6 (3) Comply with all applicable federal and state laws
7 prohibiting discrimination against any person on the
8 basis of race, color, national origin, religion,
9 creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, or
10 any other characteristic protected under applicable
11 federal or state law;
- 12 (4) Not use the grant for purposes of entertainment or
13 perquisites;
- 14 (5) Comply with any other requirements the director may
15 prescribe;
- 16 (6) Allow the director, the legislative bodies, and the
17 legislative auditor full access to records, reports,
18 files, and other related documents so that the
19 program, management, and fiscal practices of the grant
20 recipient may be monitored and evaluated to assure the
21 proper and effective expenditure of public funds; and



1 (7) Be monitored according to rules established by the
2 director to ensure compliance with this section.
3 (d) Any recipient of a grant under this section who
4 withholds or omits any material fact or deliberately
5 misrepresents facts to the director or who violates the terms of
6 the recipient's contract shall be in violation of this section
7 and, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, shall
8 be prohibited from applying for a grant under this section for a
9 period of five years from the date of termination."

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 recycling facility grant program to
11 incentivize reduction, recycling, bioconversion, or
12 composting businesses in the State;
- 13 [~~11~~] (12) Create and maintain a database to assess the
14 composition of the State's waste stream. If feasible,
15 this database shall contain the information necessary
16 to generate the office's annual report;
- 17 [~~12~~] (13) Identify and apply for appropriate federal funds
18 to support the programs and activities authorized by
19 this chapter; and



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 a recycling facility grant program to incentivize recycling in the State. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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