
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in January 2008, the
2 office of the auditor submitted the Hawaii 2050 sustainability
3 plan to the legislature to coordinate the actions needed to
4 sustain a growing and vibrant economy, while maintaining a high
5 quality of life for all residents and visitors. Additionally,
6 the 2050 sustainability plan aligns the State's goals with the
7 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. To meet these
8 goals, the State must find innovative approaches to decrease
9 Hawaii's waste footprint and move toward zero-waste.

10 The legislature further finds that the global recycling
11 economy is in disarray and is struggling with the costs and
12 logistics of collecting and recycling recyclables. Furthermore,
13 according to the Environmental Protection Agency, millions of
14 tons of municipal solid waste are generated every year in the
15 United States. Oahu alone generates more than 2,200,000 tons of
16 waste annually from residential, commercial, and industrial
17 sources.



1 The legislature recognizes that other states have
2 successfully established extended producer responsibility
3 polices to help with waste reduction, recovery, recycling, and
4 reuse. In 2019, the legislature passed Act 254, Session Laws of
5 Hawaii 2019, which established a plastic source reduction
6 working group to find innovative solutions for all packaging
7 into Hawaii. One of the recommendations of the working group
8 was to undertake a fair and careful study of extended producer
9 responsibility.

10 The purpose of this Act is to direct the University of
11 Hawaii economic research organization to conduct a comprehensive
12 study about a policy approach that encourages manufacturers to
13 take on the costs of end-of-life product management.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The University of Hawaii economic research
15 organization shall conduct a comprehensive study about a policy
16 approach that encourages manufacturers to take on the costs of
17 end-of-life product management.

18 (b) The comprehensive study shall include:

19 (1) An analysis of the best extended producer
20 responsibility policies that require manufacturers to
21 finance the costs of collecting and recycling, or



1 safely disposing of, products consumers no longer
2 want, including but not limited to:
3 (A) Carpet;
4 (B) Electronics;
5 (C) Packaging; and
6 (D) Batteries;
7 (2) A legislation and literature review on the potential
8 impacts of extended producer responsibility policies
9 in Hawaii;
10 (3) A list of extended producer responsibility policies
11 and initiatives enacted in other states;
12 (4) A review of the most recent and relevant scientific
13 studies related to extended producer responsibility;
14 (5) A cost and benefit analysis;
15 (6) A feasibility analysis; and
16 (7) A review of possible incentives for manufacturers and
17 businesses in the implementation of extended producer
18 responsibility policies in Hawaii.
19 (c) The University of Hawaii economic research
20 organization may collaborate with the city and county of



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1 Honolulu's department of environmental services and any other
2 agency in conducting the comprehensive study.

3 (d) The University of Hawaii economic research
4 organization shall submit a report of its findings and
5 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
6 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
7 the regular session of 2022.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization; Extended
Producer Responsibility; Study

Description:

Requires the University of Hawaii economic research organization to conduct a comprehensive study and submit a report to the legislature about a policy approach that encourages manufacturers to take on the costs of end-of-life product management.

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