

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that single-use plastics
2 represent a serious threat to the State's environmental and
3 economic sustainability. Every year, Oahu alone generates more
4 than 2.2 million tons of waste. Even recyclable plastics
5 require extensive processing and must be shipped off-island for
6 recycling at great cost.

7 The legislature further finds that the department of
8 education contributes to the State's annual plastic waste
9 through its use of single-use plastic utensils in school
10 cafeterias.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish a pilot project in
12 Molokai's department of education schools to explore the use of
13 reusable utensils in school cafeterias.

14 SECTION 2. (a) The department of education shall
15 establish a reusable utensil pilot project at department of
16 education schools on the island of Molokai, that shall commence
17 on August 1, 2022, and shall terminate on June 30, 2023.



1 (b) The department of education may issue grants to
2 establish the pilot project.

3 (c) The department of education shall adopt rules pursuant
4 to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the purposes of the
5 pilot project.

6 (d) The department of education shall submit a report to
7 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
8 of the regular session of 2023 on the feasibility of statewide
9 implementation of a reusable utensil program.

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to
13 establish a reusable utensil pilot project in department of
14 education schools on the island of Molokai.

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

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

Department of Education; Environmental Sustainability; Pilot Project; Reusable Utensil; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes a reusable utensil pilot project in Department of Education schools on Molokai. Requires the Department of Education to report to the legislature on the feasibility of statewide implementation. Appropriates funds.

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