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# 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 are a serious threat to the State's environmental and economic  
3 sustainability. Every year, Oahu alone generates more than 2.2  
4 million tons of waste. Even recyclable plastics require  
5 extensive processing and must be shipped out of State 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 submit an interim  
4 report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
5 convening of the regular session of 2023 and a final report no  
6 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular  
7 session of 2024 on the feasibility of statewide implementation  
8 of a reusable utensil program.

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

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

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



**Report Title:**

DOE; Environmental Sustainability; Pilot Project; Reusable  
Utensils; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes a reusable utensil pilot project in department of  
education schools on Molokai. Requires the department of  
education to submit an interim report and a final report to the  
legislature on the feasibility of statewide implementation.  
Appropriates moneys. (HD1)

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