
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 342G-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately
3 inserted and to read as follows:

4 "Biodegradable" means capable of being broken down into
5 carbon dioxide, methane, or simple organic compounds.

6 "Organic waste" means any material that is biodegradable
7 and comes from either a plant or an animal. The term includes
8 green waste, food waste, food-soiled paper that is acceptable
9 for food storage, and untreated and unpainted wood waste."

10 SECTION 2. Section 342G-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

12 "(c) The recycling [~~and~~], bioconversion, and organic waste
13 diversion component shall identify and assess:

14 (1) The level of waste reduction the county is achieving
15 through existing recycling and bioconversion efforts;



- 1 (2) The type and amount of solid waste that it is
- 2 technically and economically feasible to recycle or
- 3 alter through bioconversion; [~~and~~]
- 4 (3) Methods to increase and improve the recycling and
- 5 bioconversion efforts, including opportunities for
- 6 backyard composting[-]; and
- 7 (4) Diversion of all organic waste produced within the
- 8 county by facilities generating more than a minimum
- 9 amount, to be determined by the department, of organic
- 10 waste per year.

11 For recycling, the counties shall assess the type and

12 amount of solid waste that it is technically feasible to

13 recycle, giving consideration at a minimum to clear glass,

14 colored glass, aluminum, steel and bimetallic cans, high-grade

15 office paper, newsprint, mixed paper, corrugated paper, HDPE,

16 PET, and green waste.

17 For bioconversion, the counties shall assess the type and

18 amount of solid waste that it is technically feasible to alter

19 through bioconversion, giving consideration at a minimum to

20 green waste, wood waste, animal manure, sewage sludge, and food

21 wastes."



1 SECTION 3. Each county shall incorporate the new
2 requirement established by section 2 of this Act into its next
3 integrated solid waste management plan revision for submission
4 to the office of solid waste management of the department of
5 health pursuant to section 342G-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
9 the department of health to reimburse the counties for
10 incorporation of the new requirements under this Act into their
11 respective integrated solid waste management plan revisions as
12 required by this Act.

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

15 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2100;
18 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

Counties; Organic Waste Diversion; Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan; Appropriation

Description:

Requires each county to incorporate into its next integrated solid waste management plan revision a plan to all organic waste produced within the county by facilities generating more than a certain amount of organic waste per year. Appropriates funds to reimburse the counties for incorporation of the new requirement into their plan revisions. Effective 7/1/2100. (HD1)

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