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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE COMPOSTING GRANT PROGRAM.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that on-site school
- 2 campus composting programs involving students have been very
- 3 successful and provide a useful method of waste diversion.
- 4 These programs provide numerous benefits to students, taxpayers,
- 5 and the environment.
- 6 The legislature further finds that Act 207, Session Laws of
- 7 Hawaii 2018, authorized the department of education to establish
- 8 composting grant pilot projects in the State's schools. The
- 9 legislature believes that the success of these pilot projects
- 10 warrant the program's implementation on a broader scale.
- 11 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
- 12 permanent composting grant program within the department of
- 13 education.
- 14 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended by adding a new section part II, subpart C, to be
- 16 appropriately designated and to read as follows:



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1	" <u>\$</u> 30	2A- Composting grant program. (a) There is		
2	establish	ed within the department a composting grant program.		
3	The purpose of the program shall be to:			
4	(1)	Create opportunities for waste diversion in schools;		
5	(2)	Engage students in learning about multiple composting		
6		and fermentation methods, as well as methods to test		
7		and monitor for effectiveness;		
8	(3)	Develop nutrient-rich soil for school gardens and		
9		local agricultural endeavors;		
10	(4)	Decrease the amount of methane-producing waste		
11		directed to landfills; and		
12	(5)	Decrease the overall cost to taxpayers of hauling		
13		trash.		
14	(d)	In establishing the composting grant program, the		
15	departmen	t shall:		
16	(1)	Develop, adopt, and implement campus composting		
17		guidelines, in conjunction with department of health		
18		rules, to provide system-wide guidance, including		
19		guidance on:		
20		(A) Leachate monitoring;		
21		(R) Pathogen testing:		

1		(C) Community involvement;	
2		(D) Fire safety;	
3		(E) Material categorization; and	
4		(F) Volume recording.	
5	(2)	Develop and establish networks and relationships wit	<u>h</u>
6		local farms and piggeries that may accept surplus for	<u>oc</u>
7		waste; and	
8	(3)	Develop and implement guidelines for grant recipient	s
9		to ensure the program is effective.	
10	(c)	The department may issue grants to establish	
11	compostin	g programs in department schools in accordance with	
12	this sect	ion. The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to	
13	chapter 9	1, to implement the composting grant program.	
14	<u>(d)</u>	The Hawaii farm to school program, established under	
15	section 3	02A-405.5, shall provide oversight of the composting	
16	grant program."		
17	SECT	TION 3. There is appropriated out of the general	
18	revenues	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so	
19	much ther	eof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and	L
20	the same	sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal	
21	vear 2024	-2025 for the composting grant program.	

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- 1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 2 of education for the purposes of this Act.
- 3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
- 4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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INTRODUCED BY:



S.B. NO.193

Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes and provides moneys for the composting grant program in the Department of Education.

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