

JAN 20 2023

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:



1 "§302A- Composting grant program. (a) There is
2 established 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 (b) In establishing the composting grant program, the
15 department 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 (B) Pathogen testing;



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. 1093

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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