
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECYCLING.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the Hawaii
2 state energy office an end-of-life lithium-ion battery
3 management working group to examine how to maximize the
4 management of end-of-life lithium-ion batteries in the State.

5 (b) The working group shall focus on:

6 (1) Best practices for end-of-life lithium-ion battery
7 management;

8 (2) Cost, safety, and environmental impact comparison of
9 in-state versus out-of-state recycling options;

10 (3) Feasibility of pursuing recycling options outside the
11 United States;

12 (4) Cost analysis, infrastructure assessment, and
13 enforcement considerations for establishing a
14 lithium-ion battery recycling program in the State;

15 and

16 (5) Environmental impacts of different management
17 practices.



- 1 (c) The working group shall consist of:
- 2 (1) The chief energy officer, or the chief energy
- 3 officer's designee, who shall serve as the
- 4 co-chairperson of the working group;
- 5 (2) The director of the Hawaii natural energy institute,
- 6 or the director's designee, who shall serve as the
- 7 co-chairperson of the working group;
- 8 (3) One representative from the department of health;
- 9 (4) One representative from each county waste management
- 10 department; and
- 11 (5) One representative from each county fire department.
- 12 (d) The co-chairpersons of the working group shall invite
- 13 the following individuals to serve as members of the working
- 14 group:
- 15 (1) Two representatives from the electronic waste
- 16 recycling industry;
- 17 (2) One representative from the battery manufacturing
- 18 industry;
- 19 (3) One representative from the electronics manufacturing
- 20 industry;
- 21 (4) One representative from the waste shipping industry;



- 1 (5) One representative from the insurance industry;
- 2 (6) representatives from retailers that sell
- 3 batteries and battery-containing devices;
- 4 (7) One representative from an organization that
- 5 specializes in extended producer responsibility
- 6 policy;
- 7 (8) One representative from an environmental organization
- 8 that specializes in waste reduction and recycling;
- 9 (9) One representative from the Hawaii Energy Policy
- 10 Forum;
- 11 (10) One representative who specializes in consumer
- 12 electronics repair; and
- 13 (11) Other individuals as invited by the co-chairpersons.
- 14 (e) The working group shall submit a report of its
- 15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
- 16 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
- 17 to the convening of the regular session of 2026.
- 18 (f) The working group shall be dissolved on June 30, 2026.
- 19 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Energy Office; End-of-Life Lithium-ion Battery Management Working Group; Report

Description:

Establishes an End-of-Life Lithium-ion Battery Management Working Group. Requires a report to the Legislature. Effective 1/1/2026. (SD1)

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