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GOV. MSG. NO. 1275

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 26, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 26, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 2101, S.D. 1, H.D. 1,
C.D. 1

RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE.
ACT 173

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that although the State
2 did not reach mandates established in 1991 under section 342G-3,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to reduce the solid waste stream by
4 fifty per cent by 2000, the aloha+ challenge established a goal
5 to reduce the solid waste stream prior to disposal by seventy
6 per cent by 2030 through source reduction, recycling,
7 bioconversion, and landfill diversion methods for organic waste.

8 The legislature further finds that county integrated solid
9 waste management plans must be submitted to the department of
10 health every ten years pursuant to section 342G-24, Hawaii
11 Revised Statutes.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to meet United
13 Nations Sustainable Development and aloha+ challenge goals
14 related to waste reduction by embedding similar goals into the
15 integrated solid waste management plan components for the
16 counties to assess and identify benchmarks to reduce solid waste
17 production and increase organic waste diversion, while



1 accounting for existing county integrated solid waste management
2 plan timelines.

3 SECTION 2. Section 342G-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

5 "(a) It is the goal of the State to reduce the solid waste
6 stream [~~prior to~~] before disposal by:

7 (1) [~~Twenty-five~~] Forty per cent by January 1, [~~1995,~~]
8 2038; and

9 (2) [~~Fifty~~] Seventy per cent by January 1, [~~2000,~~] 2043,
10 through source reduction, recycling, organic waste landfill
11 diversion, and bioconversion. Where feasible, the office shall
12 establish other state goals for specific commodities,
13 recognizing market considerations.

14 (b) It is the goal of the State to reduce [~~by not less~~
15 ~~than twenty-five per cent the amount of office paper generated~~
16 ~~by all state and county agencies by January 1, 1995, through~~
17 ~~source reduction. The base year for calculating progress toward~~
18 ~~this goal shall be total office paper consumption by state and~~
19 ~~county agencies in 1990.] organic waste stream disposal via
20 incineration, waste-to-energy, or landfill by:~~

21 (1) Forty per cent by January 1, 2038;



1 (2) Seventy per cent by January 1, 2043; and

2 (3) One hundred per cent by January 1, 2048."

3 SECTION 3. Section 342G-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

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

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

9 (2) The type and amount of solid waste that it is
10 technically and economically feasible to recycle or
11 alter through bioconversion; [~~and~~]

12 (3) Methods to increase and improve [~~the~~] recycling and
13 bioconversion efforts, including opportunities for
14 backyard composting[~~-~~]; and

15 (4) Methods to achieve organic waste stream reduction
16 goals pursuant to section 342G-3(b); provided that the
17 methods shall account for reducing potential risk of
18 transporting invasive species in organic waste.

19 For the purposes of this paragraph, "organic waste"
20 means any material that is compostable, does not
21 contain contaminants detrimental to human health and



1 the environment, and is derived from either a plant or
2 an animal, and includes green waste, food waste,
3 food-soiled paper that is acceptable for food storage,
4 and untreated and unpainted wood waste.

5 For recycling, the counties shall assess the type and
6 amount of solid waste that it is technically feasible to
7 recycle, giving consideration at a minimum to clear glass,
8 colored glass, aluminum, steel and bimetallic cans, high-grade
9 office paper, newsprint, mixed paper, corrugated paper, HDPE,
10 PET, and green waste.

11 For bioconversion, the counties shall assess the type and
12 amount of solid waste that it is technically feasible to alter
13 through bioconversion, giving consideration at a minimum to
14 green waste, wood waste, animal manure, sewage sludge, and food
15 wastes."

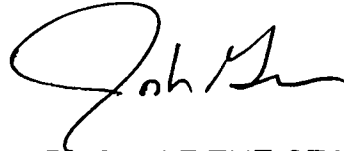
16 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

18 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.



S.B. NO. 2101
S.D. 1
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 26th day of June , 2026


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh", written in a cursive style.


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2026.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2101, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives