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# 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 the State did not  
2 reach mandates established by Act 324, Session Laws of Hawaii  
3 1991, to reduce the solid waste stream by fifty per cent by  
4 2000. The legislature also finds that the Aloha+ Challenge  
5 established the goal to reduce by seventy per cent the solid  
6 waste stream prior to disposal by 2030 through source reduction,  
7 recycling, bioconversion, and landfill diversion methods for  
8 organic waste.

9           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to meet United  
10 Nations Sustainable Development and Aloha+ Challenge goals  
11 related to waste reduction by embedding similar goals and  
12 further benchmarks into the integrated solid waste management  
13 plan components for the counties to assess and identify  
14 benchmarks to reduce solid waste production and increase organic  
15 waste diversion.

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



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

3           (1) [~~Twenty-five~~] Forty per cent by January 1, [~~1995~~]  
4                 2028; and

5           (2) [~~Fifty~~] Seventy per cent by January 1, [~~2000~~] 2033;  
6 through source reduction, recycling, organic waste landfill  
7 diversion, and bioconversion. Where feasible, the office shall  
8 establish other state goals for specific commodities,  
9 recognizing market considerations.

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

17           (1) Forty per cent by January 1, 2028;

18           (2) Seventy per cent by January 1, 2033; and

19           (3) One hundred per cent by January 1, 2038."

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



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

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

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

8           (3) Methods to increase and improve the recycling and  
9 bioconversion efforts, including opportunities for  
10 backyard composting[~~-~~]; and

11          (4) Benchmark goals to divert organic waste produced  
12 within the county by facilities generating more than a  
13 minimum amount, as follows:

14          (A) January 1, 2028: (Tier 1) All wholesale food  
15 vendors, food service providers, food  
16 distributors, grocery stores greater than ten  
17 thousand square feet, supermarkets, hotels, and  
18 any entity generating one ton per week or one  
19 hundred four tons per year or more;

20          (B) January 1, 2033: (Tier 2) All restaurants, local  
21 education agencies, large venues and event



1 spaces, state agencies, health facilities, and  
2 any entity generating one half ton per week or  
3 twenty-six tons per year or more;

4 (C) January 1, 2037: Any multifamily complexes and  
5 any entity generating one third ton per week or  
6 eighteen tons per year or more; and

7 (D) January 1, 2038: Organic wastes shall be banned  
8 from landfills and co-generation plants,  
9 including that produced by single-family  
10 residences.

11 For the purposes of this paragraph:

12 "Biodegradable" means capable of being broken  
13 down or decomposed into carbon dioxide, methane, or  
14 simpler organic compounds by bacteria or other living  
15 organisms; and

16 "Organic waste" means any material that is  
17 compostable or biodegradable and is derived from  
18 either a plant or an animal, and includes green waste,  
19 food waste, food-soiled paper that is acceptable for  
20 food storage, and untreated and unpainted wood waste.



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

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

12 SECTION 4. Each county shall incorporate the new  
13 requirement established by section 3 of this Act into its next  
14 integrated solid waste management plan revision for submission  
15 to the office of solid waste management pursuant to section  
16 342G-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

17 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
20 the department of health to reimburse the counties for  
21 incorporation of the new requirements under this Act into their



1    respective integrated solid waste management plan revisions as  
2    required by this Act.

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

5            SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6    and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7            SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Department of Health; Counties; Solid Waste Reduction; Organic Waste Diversion; Benchmarks; Appropriation

**Description:**

Establishes statewide goals for solid waste reduction and organic waste diversion. Requires each county to incorporate into its next integrated solid waste management plan revision a plan to reduce all organic waste produced within the county by facilities generating more than a specified amount of organic waste per year in alignment with established state benchmarks. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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