

A Bill for an Act Relating to Recycling.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. With technological advancement, many consumer electric products become obsolete within a very short period of time, creating large amounts of waste. Limited landfill space is a concern, and disposal of waste electric products into our landfills has the potential to impact humans and the environment. Proper waste handling and recycling of valuable materials are important aspects of protecting Hawaii's health and building a green economy.

SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department of health the Hawaii electric device recycling task force to make recommendations for a workable recycling program for electric devices in Hawaii, keeping in mind the conditions and needs of the various islands.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The director of health or the director's designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the task force;
- (2) The program manager of the department of health's solid and hazardous waste branch;
- (3) The recycling coordinators of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii and the city and county of Honolulu;
- (4) Up to two representatives of the Consumer Electronics Association, to be designated by the director of health;
- (5) A representative of the Consumer Electronics Retailers Council, which also includes manufacturers, to be designated by the director of health;
- (6) Up to three representatives of major retailers that already conduct take-back programs for electric devices, to be designated by the director of health;
- (7) Up to two representatives of major retailers that do not already conduct take-back programs for electric devices, to be designated by the director of health;
- (8) Up to six representatives of the local recycling industry, to be designated by the director of health;
- (9) Up to four representatives of the interstate and intrastate shipping or freight transportation industry, to be designated by the director of health;
- (10) Up to two representatives of consumer or industrial technology manufacturers that have experience with recycling programs for electric devices, to be designated by the director of health; and
- (11) Any other members that the director of health chooses to designate.

(c) The director of health may reduce the size of the task force at the director's discretion; provided that the task force maintains, to the extent reasonably possible, representation from the various sectors.

(d) No member of the task force, except for the members designated in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2), shall be an employee of the State.

(e) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

(f) No member of the Hawaii electric device recycling task force shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation on the task force.

(g) The department of health shall submit a report of the task force's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2013 regular session.

(h) The task force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2013.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 26, 2012.)