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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD WASTE RECYCLING.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that waste disposal is an
2 issue of critical importance throughout the islands. Section
3 226-15, Hawaii Revised Statutes, declares that "it shall be the
4 policy of this State to . . . [p]romote re-use and recycling to
5 reduce solid and liquid wastes and employ a conservation ethic."

6 The legislature further finds that state facilities and
7 public schools are among the largest institutional generators of
8 food waste, in spite of current recycling efforts. Despite
9 statewide policies, recycling efforts still reduce only a
10 fraction of the solid and liquid waste generated. Landfills on
11 all islands are approaching or have already reached their
12 maximum capacity, and both expansion of current landfills and
13 relocation efforts are meeting widespread community opposition.

14 Food waste recycling falls within the program elements of
15 the integrated solid waste management plans under chapter 342G,
16 Hawaii Revised Statutes. Moneys to implement and administer



1 this important state effort will come from the environmental
2 management special fund.

3 The purpose of this Act is to establish a three-year pilot
4 project in one or more school districts, chosen by the
5 department of education and in partnership with the department
6 of health, for recycling food waste as part of the State's
7 integrated solid waste management plans under chapter 342G,
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9 SECTION 2. The department of education, in partnership
10 with the department of health, shall develop and implement a
11 three-year food waste recycling pilot project in one or more
12 school districts that is in accordance with chapter 342G, Hawaii
13 Revised Statutes.

14 The program sites shall be determined by the department of
15 education as those most suitable in meeting the pilot project's
16 objectives.

17 The department of health shall cooperate with the
18 department of education to develop and implement the components
19 of the pilot project.

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the environmental
21 management special fund the sum of \$ or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to develop



1 and implement a three-year food waste recycling pilot project in
2 one or more public school districts.

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

5 SECTION 4. The department of education, with the
6 assistance of the department of health, shall submit interim
7 reports of the pilot project to the legislature no later than
8 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of
9 2009 and 2010, and a final report to the legislature no later
10 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
11 of 2011. The reports shall include information and
12 recommendations about the efficacy of and the costs associated
13 with the food waste recycling pilot project. The final report
14 shall also include a recommendation on whether the food waste
15 recycling pilot project should be made permanent.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
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Report Title:

Food Waste Recycling; Solid Waste

Description:

Requires the department of education, in a partnership with the department of health, to establish a three-year food waste recycling pilot project within public school districts. Makes an environmental management special fund appropriation for this purpose.

