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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 shall 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 schools, chosen by the department of  
5 education and in partnership with the department of health, for  
6 recycling food waste as part of the State's integrated solid  
7 waste management plans under chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised  
8 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 schools that is in accordance with chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised  
13 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 schools.

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, and  
17 shall be repealed on June 30, 2011.



**Report Title:**

Food Waste Recycling; Solid Waste; Appropriation

**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 one or more public schools. Appropriates funds from the environmental management special fund for the pilot program. (SD1)

