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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that as the population of  
2 Hawaii has grown in recent years, the amount of waste entering  
3 the waste stream, and ultimately the Hawaii's landfills, has  
4 increased as well. The legislature further finds that the  
5 capacity for disposing of solid waste continues to diminish in  
6 the State. With available landfill space running out in the  
7 face of population growth and economic development, and few  
8 options for acquiring more disposal space, it is important for  
9 the State to re-assess its waste reduction goals.

10           Act 324, Session Laws of Hawaii, 1991, established  
11 aggressive goals to reduce the solid waste stream by twenty-five  
12 per cent by 1995 and by fifty per cent by 2000. In continuing  
13 to address these concerns, the legislature finds that further  
14 reductions in the waste stream are necessary to preserve the  
15 sustainability of the State and its growth.

16           The purpose of this Act is to establish the goal of  
17 reducing the solid waste stream in the State by seventy-five per  
18 cent by 2012.



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

3 "(a) It is the goal of the State to reduce the solid waste  
4 stream prior to disposal by:

5 (1) Twenty-five per cent by January 1, 1995; [~~and~~]

6 (2) Fifty per cent by January 1, 2000; and

7 (3) Seventy-five per cent by January 1, 2012;

8 through source reduction, recycling, and bioconversion. Where  
9 feasible, the office shall establish other state goals for  
10 specific commodities, recognizing market considerations."

11 SECTION 3. The department of health shall submit a report  
12 to the legislature detailing past progress in solid waste  
13 reduction in the State and future strategies and methods that  
14 will assist the counties in meeting the solid waste reduction  
15 goals in this Act, no later than twenty days prior to the  
16 convening of the regular session of 2009.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Solid Waste

**Description:**

Establishes the goal of reducing the amount of solid waste entering the State's waste stream by 75%. (SD1)

