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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 sources 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 the expansion of current landfills  
13 and relocation efforts are meeting widespread community  
14 opposition.

15           Food waste recycling falls within the program elements of  
16 the integrated solid waste management plans under chapter 342G,  
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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

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

12           The program sites shall be determined by the department of  
13 education and shall be the sites most suitable in meeting the  
14 objectives of the pilot project.

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

18           (b) In developing and implementing the pilot project, the  
19 department of education and the department of health shall  
20 consider using public-private partnerships and are encouraged to  
21 seek and use public-private sector funding support.

1 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the  
2 department of education and the department of health may accept  
3 and expend private monetary donations to develop and operate the  
4 pilot project required by this section.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
6 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
7 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and  
8 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
9 year 2010-2011 to develop and implement a three-year food waste  
10 recycling pilot project in one or more public schools.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
12 of education for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. The department of education, with the  
14 assistance of the department of health, shall submit interim  
15 reports on the pilot project to the legislature no later than  
16 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of  
17 2010 and 2011, and a final report to the legislature no later  
18 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
19 of 2012. The reports shall include information and  
20 recommendations about the efficacy of and the costs associated  
21 with the food waste recycling pilot project. The final report

1 shall also include a recommendation on whether the food waste  
2 recycling pilot project should be made permanent.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2070, and  
4 shall be repealed on June 30, 2012.

**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 in one or more public schools. Allows departments to enter into public/private partnerships to establish and operate the pilot program. Appropriates funds for the pilot program. (SD1)