
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1 PART I.

2 SECTION 1. Hawaii generates well over fifteen thousand
3 tons of waste each year. According to Waste Management Hawaii,
4 recycling one ton of glass saves forty-two kilowatt-hours of
5 energy, five gallons of oil, and two cubic yards of landfill
6 space; recycling one ton of aluminum saves fourteen thousand
7 kilowatt-hours of energy, over sixteen hundred gallons of oil,
8 and ten cubic yards of landfill space; and recycling one ton of
9 plastic saves over fifty-seven hundred kilowatt-hours of energy,
10 six hundred eighty-five gallons of oil, and thirty cubic yards
11 of landfill space. Plastic is reusable for a wide range of
12 uses, from plastic foam insulations in homes and buildings to
13 protective vests for police officers. Recognizing this, the
14 legislature established the Hawaii HI-5 recycling program in
15 January of 2005 for plastic, glass, and aluminum beverage
16 containers.

1 The legislature finds that every public school in Hawaii
2 has vending machines for beverages in plastic, glass, or
3 aluminum containers. These beverages are consumed by students
4 every day. Placing recycling bins and developing a program of
5 recycling on every public school campus would facilitate
6 implementation of the HI-5 recycling program, benefit our
7 environment, provide awareness to the students regarding the
8 importance of recycling, and also save schools money on refuse
9 collection fees.

10 The purpose of this part is to appropriate funds to
11 establish a recycling program and provide recycling bins on
12 every public school campus in the State.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
15 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to
16 establish a recycling program and provide recycling bins on
17 every public school campus in the State.

18 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
19 education for the purposes of this part.

20 PART II.

21 SECTION 3. The legislature further finds that state
22 facilities and public schools are among the largest

1 institutional sources of food waste, in spite of current
2 recycling efforts.

3 The purpose of this part is to establish a three-year pilot
4 project in one or more schools, to be selected by the department
5 of education, 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 4. (a) The department of education, in
10 partnership with the department of health, shall develop and
11 implement a three-year food waste recycling pilot project in one
12 or more schools that is in accordance with chapter 342G, Hawaii
13 Revised Statutes.

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

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 (b) In developing and implementing the pilot project, the
21 department of education and the department of health shall

1 consider using public-private partnerships and are encouraged to
2 seek and use public-private sector funding support.

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

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

13 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
14 of education for the purposes of this part.

15 SECTION 6. The department of education, with the
16 assistance of the department of health, shall submit interim
17 reports on the pilot project to the legislature no later than
18 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular sessions of
19 2010 and 2011, and a final report to the legislature no later
20 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
21 of 2012. The reports shall include information and
22 recommendations about the efficacy of and the costs associated

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

4 PART III.

5 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050;
6 provided that section 4 shall be repealed on June 30, 2012.

Report Title:

Keiki Caucus; Student Conference; School Recycling;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the public school system to establish a recycling program and provide recycling bins on every school campus. 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 moneys for the programs. (SD1)