

JAN 23 2009

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 the steadily
2 increasing population of Hawaii has increased the amount of
3 waste entering the waste stream and landfills. The legislature
4 acknowledges that the State's solid waste disposal capacity
5 continues to diminish. The State must reassess its waste
6 production and diversion goals to address decreasing landfill
7 space, an expanding population, and further economic
8 development.

9 Act 324, Session Laws of Hawaii 1991, established
10 aggressive goals to reduce the solid waste stream by twenty-five
11 per cent by 1995 and by fifty per cent by 2000. The legislature
12 finds that further reductions in the waste stream are necessary
13 to sustain growth in the State.

14 The purpose of this Act is to increase the targeted
15 statewide goals for reduction of the solid waste stream and
16 diversion of solid waste from landfills.



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 of the amount of the statewide
8 1991 solid waste stream by January 1, 2015;

9 through source reduction, recycling, and bioconversion. In
10 order to ensure the reduction in the solid waste stream by 2015,
11 it is the objective of the State to increase the solid waste
12 landfill diversion rate to seventy-five per cent by 2013. Where
13 feasible, the office shall establish other state goals for
14 specific commodities, recognizing market considerations.

15 No later than January 1, 2011, the counties shall
16 incorporate the goal established by paragraph (3) and the
17 landfill diversion rate goal into their revised integrated solid
18 waste management plans under part III.

19 The director shall adopt rules to provide appropriate
20 penalties for any county that fails to achieve the goal of a
21 seventy-five per cent reduction of the amount of the 1991 solid



1 waste stream by 2015 and the goal of a seventy-five per cent
2 solid waste diversion rate by 2013."

3 SECTION 3. By no later than twenty days prior to the
4 convening of the regular session of 2011, the department of
5 health shall submit a report to the legislature detailing
6 progress made in solid waste reduction in the State and future
7 strategies and methods that will assist the counties in meeting
8 the solid waste reduction goals in this Act.

9 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Solid Waste; Landfills

Description:

Establishes goals of increasing the solid waste landfill diversion rate by 75% by 2013 and reducing the amount of solid waste entering Hawaii's waste stream by 75% by 2015.

