
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECYCLING.

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

1 SECTION 1. With technological advancement, many consumer
2 electric products become obsolete within a very short period of
3 time, creating large amounts of waste. Limited landfill space
4 is a concern, and disposal of waste electric products into our
5 landfills has the potential to impact humans and the
6 environment. Proper waste handling and recycling of valuable
7 materials are important aspects of protecting Hawaii's health
8 and building a green economy.

9 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
10 of health the Hawaii electric device recycling task force to
11 make recommendations for a workable recycling program for
12 electric devices and household batteries in Hawaii, keeping in
13 mind the conditions and needs of the various islands.

14 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) The director of health or the director's designee, who
16 shall serve as chairperson of the task force;

17 (2) The program manager of the department of health's
18 solid and hazardous waste branch;



- 1 (3) The recycling coordinators of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii
2 counties and the city and county of Honolulu;
- 3 (4) Up to two representatives of the Consumer Electronics
4 Association, to be designated by the director of
5 health;
- 6 (5) A representative of the Consumer Electronics Retailers
7 Council, which also includes manufacturers to be
8 designated by the director of health;
- 9 (6) Up to three representatives of major retailers that
10 already conduct take-back programs for electric
11 devices, to be designated by the director of health;
- 12 (7) Up to two representatives of major retailers that do
13 not already conduct take-back programs for electric
14 devices, to be designated by the director of health;
- 15 (8) Up to six representatives of the local recycling
16 industry, to be designated by the director of health;
- 17 (9) Up to four representatives of the interstate and
18 intrastate shipping or freight transportation
19 industry, to be designated by the director of health;
- 20 (10) Up to two representatives of consumer or industrial
21 technology manufacturers that have experience with



1 recycling programs for electric devices, to be
2 designated by the director of health; and

3 (11) Any other members that the director of health chooses
4 to designate.

5 (c) The director of health may reduce the size of the task
6 force at the director's discretion; provided that the task force
7 maintains, to the extent reasonably possible, representation
8 from the various sectors.

9 (d) No member of the task force, except for the members
10 designated in paragraphs (b) (1) and (b) (2), shall be an employee
11 of the State.

12 (e) The members of the task force shall serve without
13 compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including
14 travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

15 (f) No member of the Hawaii electric device recycling task
16 force shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes, solely because of that member's participation on the
18 task force.

19 (g) The department of health shall submit a report of the
20 task force's findings and recommendations, including any
21 proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty
22 days prior to the convening of the 2013 regular session.



1 (h) The task force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2013.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Consumer Electronics and Batteries; Recycling; Task Force

Description:

Creates the Hawaii electric device recycling task force to make recommendations for a workable recycling program for electric devices and household batteries. Requires report to the Legislature. Dissolves task force on June 30, 2013. (SB2822 HD1)

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