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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 the State should
2 lead by example while moving toward a more environmentally
3 sustainable future. An effective way to accomplish increased
4 environmental sustainability is to diminish the need for
5 landfills by diverting food and green waste from landfills to
6 composting and energy production.

7 The purpose of this Act is to continue the march to long-
8 term environmental sustainability by authorizing the Hawaii
9 public housing authority to enter into contracts with private
10 businesses to remove food and green waste from the waste stream
11 for use in other business sectors, including agriculture and
12 energy generation.

13 SECTION 2. Section 356D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

15 "(a) The authority may:

16 (1) Sue and be sued;

17 (2) Have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;



- 1 (3) Make and execute contracts and other instruments
- 2 necessary or convenient to the exercise of its
- 3 powers[+], including contracts with private businesses
- 4 to remove "food waste" and "green waste", as those
- 5 terms are defined in section 342G-1, from public
- 6 housing projects; and
- 7 (4) Adopt bylaws and rules in accordance with chapter 91
- 8 for its organization, internal management, and to
- 9 carry into effect its purposes, powers, and programs."

10 SECTION 3. The Hawaii public housing authority shall

11 submit a report to the legislature, no later than twenty days

12 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014, regarding

13 its progress in contracting with private businesses to remove

14 food and green waste from public housing projects.

15 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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S.B. NO. 721

Report Title:

Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Waste Diversion

Description:

Clarifies that HPHA is authorized to contract with private businesses to divert food and green waste from public housing projects. Requires HPHA to report to the 2014 legislature on its progress on such contracts.

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