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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has a duty  
2 to protect the environment, economy, and public health of its  
3 people. Act 324, Session Laws of Hawaii 1991, also known as the  
4 Hawaii Integrated Solid Waste Management Act, established the  
5 framework for statewide governmental coordination of solid waste  
6 management planning through the creation of the office of solid  
7 waste management in the department of health. The office is  
8 tasked with leading the State's solid waste management planning  
9 by promoting source reduction, recycling, and bioconversion,  
10 including home composting, through the provision of a  
11 comprehensive, innovative, and effective statewide public  
12 education and awareness program concerning the value of source  
13 reduction and recycling, and the way the public can participate  
14 in these areas.

15           The legislature further finds that many state and local  
16 governments have recycling mandates or landfill prohibitions to  
17 encourage waste diversion; however commercial recyclers in the



1 State suffer from low profit margins, causing recyclable and  
2 compostable material to go to landfills or to Asia or the United  
3 States mainland to be recycled. The office of solid waste  
4 management is required to promote the use of enterprise zones in  
5 each county to support source reduction, recycling, and  
6 bioconversion-type businesses, but there remains a lack of these  
7 types of businesses in the State.

8 The legislature notes that the director of health has  
9 effective enforcement and penalty provisions to carry out the  
10 provisions of this Act if necessary.

11 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 12 (1) Require that residential and commercial solid waste be  
13 separated by source to be processed at appropriate  
14 facilities;
- 15 (2) Require counties to update their integrated solid  
16 waste management plans;
- 17 (3) Establish a new waste stream reduction goal for 2030;  
18 and
- 19 (4) Appropriate funds to each county to help subsidize  
20 their waste management programs.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§342G- Source separation of waste required. (a) All  
5 residential and commercial solid waste in the State shall be  
6 separated into appropriate containers based on source, according  
7 to green waste, compostable, recyclable, and trash, to be  
8 processed or disposed of at the appropriate processing or  
9 disposal facility.

10 (b) Each county shall provide appropriate containers to  
11 residential and commercial properties to make solid waste  
12 diversion convenient. The containers shall be:

13 (1) An appropriate number and size in light of the  
14 recyclable, compostable, and landfill quantities to be  
15 anticipated at a location; and

16 (2) Color coded to identify the type of solid waste  
17 contained and meet any additional design criteria  
18 established by the office."

19 SECTION 3. Section 342G-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1           "(a) It is the goal of the State to reduce the solid waste  
2 stream prior to disposal by:

3           (1) Twenty-five per cent by January 1, 1995; [~~and~~]

4           (2) Fifty per cent by January 1, 2000; and

5           (3) Eighty per cent by 2030;

6 through source reduction, recycling, and bioconversion. Where  
7 feasible, the office shall establish other state goals for  
8 specific commodities, recognizing market considerations."

9           SECTION 4. By January 1, 2021, each county shall submit a  
10 revised integrated solid waste management plan to the office of  
11 solid waste management, pursuant to the requirements of chapter  
12 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13           SECTION 5. 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 2020-2021 to  
16 assist the counties in the implementation of their solid waste  
17 management programs, to be allocated as follows:

18	County of Hawaii	\$
19	County of Kauai	\$
20	County of Maui	\$
21	City and county of Honolulu	\$

1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by each respective  
2 county for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5           SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

DOH; Office of Solid Waste Management; Recycling; Composting;  
Sustainability; Environmental Management; Counties;  
Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires residential and commercial solid waste be separated by source and processed at appropriate facilities. Requires each county to submit a revised integrated solid waste management plan by 1/1/2021. Establishes a 2030 waste stream reduction goal. Appropriates funds to the counties for solid waste management programs. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

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