
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GRANTS FOR LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has grappled
2 with solutions to deal with municipal waste for decades.
3 Landfill capacity is rapidly decreasing, even after creating
4 mitigation measures like exportation and incineration.
5 Currently, the vast majority of recyclable materials are
6 recycled outside the State. Landfill diversion has global
7 environmental benefits, including reducing the need to extract
8 raw materials from mines, such as aluminum, and decreasing the
9 amount of methane gas released into the atmosphere as waste
10 decomposes. Landfills are the third largest source of methane
11 emissions in the United States behind industry and agricultural
12 sources. According to the United States Environmental
13 Protection Agency, methane is the second most prevalent
14 greenhouse gas emitted in the United States from human
15 activities, which has a significant impact on climate change.
16 The legislature further finds that an investment in local
17 recycling facilities is immediately necessary to the human



1 impact on Hawaii's natural environment and mitigate the effects
2 of the climate crisis.

3 The purpose of this Act is to incentivize the development
4 of new recycling, bioconversion, or composting businesses within
5 the State of Hawaii.

6 SECTION 2. Section 342G-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 " [f] §342G-14 [f] Powers and duties of the office of solid
9 waste management. The office shall:

- 10 (1) Promote the development of coordinated statewide solid
11 waste management;
- 12 (2) Identify and monitor environmental and public health
13 issues relating to solid waste management;
- 14 (3) Promote source reduction, recycling, and
15 bioconversion, including home composting, through the
16 provision of a comprehensive, innovative, and
17 effective statewide public education and awareness
18 program concerning the value of source reduction and
19 recycling, and the way the public can participate in
20 these areas;



- 1 (4) Comply with the federal Resource Conservation and
2 Recovery Act of 1976 (42 United States Code section
3 6901 et seq.) and any other federal law heretofore or
4 hereafter enacted affecting solid waste;
- 5 (5) Seek compliance with sections 226-18, 226-52, and 226-
6 103;
- 7 (6) Assess the feasibility of employing disposal fees,
8 including fees at the point of introduction or sale of
9 any product that would require eventual disposition as
10 solid waste, as possible funding sources for waste
11 management activities;
- 12 (7) Coordinate with the department of land and natural
13 resources to incorporate solid waste management and
14 processing concerns in the department of land and
15 natural resources' land use planning and development
16 efforts;
- 17 (8) Coordinate the bioconversion efforts of appropriate
18 agency and county activities, including the provision
19 of technical assistance and the evaluation of
20 bioconversion programs;



- 1 (9) Provide waste evaluation services and assistance in
2 developing paper recycling and other materials
3 programs to both the public and private sector, where
4 feasible;
- 5 (10) Promote the use of enterprise zones in each county to
6 support source reduction, recycling, and
7 bioconversion-type businesses;
- 8 (11) Establish a recycling facility grant program to
9 incentivize reduction, recycling, bioconversion, or
10 composting businesses in the State;
- 11 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Create and maintain a database to assess the
12 composition of the State's waste stream. If feasible,
13 this database shall contain the information necessary
14 to generate the office's annual report;
- 15 ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Identify and apply for appropriate federal funds
16 to support the programs and activities authorized by
17 this chapter; and
- 18 ~~[(13)]~~ (14) Cooperate with appropriate federal, state, and
19 county agencies in carrying out the office's
20 responsibilities under this chapter."



1 SECTION 3. (a) There is established in the office of
2 solid waste management within the department of health a
3 recycling facility grant program to be administered by the
4 department. The department shall issue grants to recycling
5 facility operators to assist them in offsetting the costs of
6 operations within the State.

7 (b) Applications for the grants shall be submitted on a
8 form furnished by the department and shall be filed with any
9 accompanying documentation as may be required by the office.

10 (c) Grant program funds shall be disbursed from the
11 environmental management special fund established under section
12 342G-63, Hawaii Revised Statutes, upon approval by the
13 department, to the recycling facility operator for up to
14 \$750,000.

15 (d) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
16 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, necessary for carrying out the
17 purposes of this section.

18 (e) For the purposes of this section:

19 "Department" means the department of health.

20 "Office" means the office of solid waste management.



1 "Recycling" means the collection, separation, recovery, and
 2 sale or reuse of secondary resources that would otherwise be
 3 disposed of as municipal solid waste, and is an integral part of
 4 a manufacturing process aimed at producing a marketable product
 5 made of postconsumer material.

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
 7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 8 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
 9 the implementation of the recycling facility grant program
 10 pursuant to this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the office of
 12 solid waste management for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.
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Report Title:

DOH; Office of Solid Waste Management; Recycling; Environmental Management; Grant Program; Recycling Facilities; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the office of solid waste management to establish a recycling facility grant program to incentivize recycling in the State. Appropriates funds.

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