A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATEWIDE COMPOSTING.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that according to the
- 2 United States Environmental Protection Agency and United States
- 3 Department of Agriculture, food waste is the second largest
- 4 component that enters a waste stream and accounts for
- 5 twenty-five per cent of all materials sent to landfills. Nearly
- 6 fifty per cent of organic materials disposed of in incinerators
- 7 and landfills can be diverted for bioconversion, including
- 8 composting. Landfills across Hawaii are rapidly reaching
- 9 capacity and facing the burden of closure and re-siting, a
- 10 process that will cost each county hundreds of millions of
- 11 dollars and create community resentment. Recycling organics,
- 12 including food waste, into compost has environmental benefits,
- 13 such as improving soil health, increasing drought resistance,
- 14 and reducing the need for supplemental water, fertilizers, and
- 15 pesticides, while also increasing crop yields. Furthermore,
- 16 applying compost and organic matter to soil sequesters carbon
- 17 from the atmosphere, forming the largest land-based carbon sink,

1	and mitig	ates climate change by effectively reducing greenhouse
2	gas emiss	ions. The legislature believes that food waste
3	diversion	and the creation of multi-scale composting operations
4	across th	e State will greatly reduce the burdens on landfills,
5	lower cou	nty waste management costs, and move the State closer
6	to achiev	ing its sustainability and resiliency goals, which
7	include:	
8	(1)	The Aloha+ Challenge, which is a statewide commitment
9		to realize the United Nations' Sustainable Development
10		Goals that sets a goal of seventy per cent waste
11		reduction before disposal and doubling of local food
12		production by 2030;
13	(2)	The Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan, which also sets a
14		mandate for the State to achieve full sustainability
15		and resilience through increased food production and
16		dramatic waste reduction via recycling and
17		bioconversion strategies; and
18	(3)	Increasing the generation of local compost to
19		sequester more carbon and mitigate climate change
20		pursuant to the strategy identified by the greenhouse

1	gas sequestration task force permanently established
2	by Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018.
3	The legislature also finds that the regulation of co-
4	composting in the State is under the purview of the department
5	of health solid and hazardous waste branch. Existing
6	regulations have not been updated in over twenty years, and
7	currently a single application applies to all co-composting
8	operations regardless of size or scope. The current permitting
9	process is an onerous and unreasonable barrier to lawful
10	participation for small to midsize composting operations whose
11	operations present a much lower risk potential. Reform and
12	updating of the co-composting regulations and permitting process
13	will greatly increase the number of operators diverting organics
14	from landfills and incinerators, thereby aiding the State and
15	counties in reaching their sustainability, resilience, and
16	fiscal goals.
17	Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to encourage the
18	production of compost by:
19	(1) Requiring the department of health to update its
20	co-composting rules by January 1, 2023, and every ten
21	years thereafter;

Ţ	(2)	Requiring the department of health to establish a
2		multi-tiered registration and permitting system for
3		composting facilities; and
4	(3)	Allowing composting and co-composting in agricultural
5		districts.
6	SECT	ION 2. Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7	amended b	y adding a new section to be appropriately designated
8	and to re	ad as follows:
9	" <u>§34</u>	2G- Co-composting; rules. (a) By January 1, 2023,
10	and every	ten years thereafter, the department shall update its
11	rules reg	arding co-composting.
12	<u>(b)</u>	The rules shall create a multi-tiered registration and
13	permittin	g system for composting and co-composting facilities
14	that esta	blish:
15	(1)	An exclusion tier under which a composting or co-
16		composting operation is exempt from requirements for
17		registration or permitting from the department,
18		including tier parameters for feedstock type and
19		source, volume, composition, throughput, dedicated
20		acreage, and distribution of materials off-site.

1	<u>Acti</u>	vities qualifying for registration and permitting
2	exem	ption include but are not limited to:
3	(A)	Composting and handling of agricultural products
4		green material, yard trimmings, additives,
5		amendments, compost, or chipped and ground
6		material if five hundred cubic yards or less is
7		on-site at any one time, the compostable
8		materials are generated on-site, and if no more
9		than one thousand cubic yards of materials are
10		either sold or given away annually. The
11		compostable material may also include up to ten
12		per cent food material by volume;
13	<u>(B)</u>	Vermicomposting; provided that handling of
14		compostable material prior to or after
15		vermicomposting is subject to regulation
16		according to the tiered composting or co-
17		composting system established by the department;
18	(<u>C)</u>	Mushroom farming;
19	(D)	Non-commercial co-composting of less than one
20		cubic yard of food material, including spent

1			grain and coffee beans and grounds, per day,
2			produced and used on site; and
3		<u>(E)</u>	In-vessel composting in vessels with a capacity
4			less than fifty cubic yards; and
5	(2)	A re	porting or registration tier for:
6		<u>(A)</u>	Activities in the exclusion tier that receive,
7			process, and store materials in excess of the
8			allowed exclusion volumes but less than or equal
9			to 12,500 cubic yards;
10		<u>(B)</u>	Facilities in the exclusion tier that will be
11			distributing materials and composting products
12			off-site, within allowed volume range, for
13			donation or sale. At a minimum, the facilities
14			shall be required to provide records to the
15			department on feedstock source, quality and
16			volume, temperature monitoring, and product
17			pathogen testing; and
18	(3)	A fu	ll permitting process for all other composting and
19		<u>co-c</u>	omposting operations not covered in the exclusion
20		tier	, or eligible for the reporting or registration
21		tier	, including but not limited to:

1		(A) Facilities receiving and processing any volume of
2		dead animals, raw rendering material, biosolids,
3		or mixed solid waste; and
4		(B) Facilities receiving, processing, and storing on
5		site greater than 12,500 cubic yards of materials
6		covered in paragraph (1)."
7	SECT	ION 3. Section 205-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended by	y amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
9	"(d)	Agricultural districts shall include:
10	(1)	Activities or uses as characterized by the cultivation
11		of crops, crops for bioenergy, orchards, forage, and
12		forestry;
13	(2)	Farming activities or uses related to animal husbandry
14		and game and fish propagation;
15	(3)	Aquaculture, which means the production of aquatic
16		plant and animal life within ponds and other bodies of
17		water;
18	(4)	Wind-generated energy production for public, private,
19		and commercial use;

1	(5)	Biofuel production, as described in section
2		205-4.5(a)(16), for public, private, and commercial
3		use;
4	(6)	Solar energy facilities; provided that:
5		(A) This paragraph shall apply only to land with soil
6		classified by the land study bureau's detailed
7		land classification as overall (master)
8		productivity rating class B, C, D, or E; and
9		(B) Solar energy facilities placed within land with
10		soil classified as overall productivity rating
11		class B or C shall not occupy more than ten per
12		cent of the acreage of the parcel, or twenty
13		acres of land, whichever is lesser, unless a
14		special use permit is granted pursuant to section
15		205-6;
16	(7)	Bona fide agricultural services and uses that support
17		the agricultural activities of the fee or leasehold
18		owner of the property and accessory to any of the
19		above activities, regardless of whether conducted on
20		the same premises as the agricultural activities to

which they are accessory, including farm dwellings as

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1		defined in section 205-4.5(a)(4), employee housing,
2		farm buildings, mills, storage facilities, processing
3		facilities, photovoltaic, biogas, and other
4		small-scale renewable energy systems producing energy
5		solely for use in the agricultural activities of the
6		fee or leasehold owner of the property,
7		agricultural-energy facilities as defined in section
8		205-4.5(a)(17), vehicle and equipment storage areas,
9		and plantation community subdivisions as defined in
10		section 205-4.5(a)(12);
11	(8)	Wind machines and wind farms;
12	(9)	Small-scale meteorological, air quality, noise, and
13		other scientific and environmental data collection and
14		monitoring facilities occupying less than one-half
15		acre of land; provided that these facilities shall not
16		be used as or equipped for use as living quarters or
17		dwellings;
18	(10)	Agricultural parks;
19	(11)	Agricultural tourism conducted on a working farm, or a
20		farming operation as defined in section 165-2, for the
21		enjoyment, education, or involvement of visitors;

1		provided that the agricultural courism activity is
2		accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural
3		use and does not interfere with surrounding farm
4		operations; and provided further that this paragraph
5		shall apply only to a county that has adopted
6		ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under
7		section 205-5;
8	(12)	Agricultural tourism activities, including overnight
9		accommodations of twenty-one days or less, for any one
10		stay within a county; provided that this paragraph
11		shall apply only to a county that includes at least
12		three islands and has adopted ordinances regulating
13		agricultural tourism activities pursuant to section
14		205-5; provided further that the agricultural tourism
15		activities coexist with a bona fide agricultural
16		activity. For the purposes of this paragraph, "bona
17		fide agricultural activity" means a farming operation
18		as defined in section 165-2;
19	(13)	Open area recreational facilities;
20	(14)	Geothermal resources exploration and geothermal
21		resources development, as defined under section 182-1;

1	(15)	Agri	cultural-based commercial operations registered in
2		Hawa	aii, including:
3		(A)	A roadside stand that is not an enclosed
4			structure, owned and operated by a producer for
5			the display and sale of agricultural products
6			grown in Hawaii and value-added products that
7			were produced using agricultural products grown
8			in Hawaii;
9		(B)	Retail activities in an enclosed structure owned
10			and operated by a producer for the display and
11			sale of agricultural products grown in Hawaii,
12			value-added products that were produced using
13			agricultural products grown in Hawaii, logo items
14			related to the producer's agricultural
15			operations, and other food items;
16		(C)	A retail food establishment owned and operated by
17			a producer and permitted under chapter 11-50,
18			Hawaii administrative rules, that prepares and
19			serves food at retail using products grown in
20			Hawaii and value-added products that were

1			produced using agricultural products grown in
2			Hawaii;
3		(D)	A farmers' market, which is an outdoor market
4			limited to producers selling agricultural
5			products grown in Hawaii and value-added products
6			that were produced using agricultural products
7			grown in Hawaii; and
8		(E)	A food hub, which is a facility that may contain
9			a commercial kitchen and provides for the
10			storage, processing, distribution, and sale of
11			agricultural products grown in Hawaii and
12			value-added products that were produced using
13			agricultural products grown in Hawaii.
14		The	owner of an agricultural-based commercial
15		oper	ation shall certify, upon request of an officer or
16		agen	t charged with enforcement of this chapter under
17		sect	ion 205-12, that the agricultural products
18		disp	layed or sold by the operation meet the
19		requ	irements of this paragraph; [and]
20	(16)	Hydr	oelectric facilities as described in section
21		205-	4.5(a)(23)[-]; and

- (17) Composting and co-composting operations.
 2 Agricultural districts shall not include golf courses and golf
- 3 driving ranges, except as provided in section 205-4.5(d).
- 4 Agricultural districts include areas that are not used for, or
- 5 that are not suited to, agricultural and ancillary activities by
- 6 reason of topography, soils, and other related characteristics."
- 7 SECTION 4. Section 205-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 "\$205-4.5 Permissible uses within the agricultural
- 10 districts. (a) Within the agricultural district, all lands
- 11 with soil classified by the land study bureau's detailed land
- 12 classification as overall (master) productivity rating class A
- 13 or B and for solar energy facilities, class B or C, shall be
- 14 restricted to the following permitted uses:
- 15 (1) Cultivation of crops, including crops for bioenergy,
- 16 flowers, vegetables, foliage, fruits, forage, and
- 17 timber;
- 18 (2) Game and fish propagation;
- 19 (3) Raising of livestock, including poultry, bees, fish,
- or other animal or aquatic life that are propagated
- for economic or personal use;



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1	(4)	Farm dwellings, employee housing, farm buildings, or
2		activities or uses related to farming and animal
3		husbandry. "Farm dwelling", as used in this
4		paragraph, means a single-family dwelling located on
5		and used in connection with a farm, including clusters
6		of single-family farm dwellings permitted within
7		agricultural parks developed by the State, or where
8		agricultural activity provides income to the family
9		occupying the dwelling;
10	(5)	Public institutions and buildings that are necessary
11		for agricultural practices;
12	(6)	Public and private open area types of recreational
13		uses, including day camps, picnic grounds, parks, and
14		riding stables, but not including dragstrips,
15		airports, drive-in theaters, golf courses, golf
16		driving ranges, country clubs, and overnight camps;
17	(7)	Public, private, and quasi-public utility lines and
18		roadways, transformer stations, communications
19		equipment buildings, solid waste transfer stations,
20		major water storage tanks, and appurtenant small
21		buildings such as booster pumping stations, but not

1		including offices or yards for equipment, material,
2		vehicle storage, repair or maintenance, treatment
3		plants, corporation yards, or other similar
4		structures;
5	(8)	Retention, restoration, rehabilitation, or improvement
6		of buildings or sites of historic or scenic interest;
7	(9)	Agricultural-based commercial operations as described
8		in section 205-2(d)(15);
9	(10)	Buildings and uses, including mills, storage, and
10		processing facilities, maintenance facilities,
11		photovoltaic, biogas, and other small-scale renewable
12		energy systems producing energy solely for use in the
13		agricultural activities of the fee or leasehold owner
14		of the property, and vehicle and equipment storage
15		areas that are normally considered directly accessory
16		to the above-mentioned uses and are permitted under
17		section 205-2(d);
18	(11)	Agricultural parks;
19	(12)	Plantation community subdivisions, which as used in
20		this chapter means an established subdivision or
21		cluster of employee housing, community buildings, and

1		agricultural support buildings on land currently or		
2		formerly owned, leased, or operated by a sugar or		
3		pineapple plantation; provided that the existing		
4		structures may be used or rehabilitated for use, and		
5		new employee housing and agricultural support		
6		buildings may be allowed on land within the		
7		subdivision as follows:		
8		(A) The employee housing is occupied by employees or		
9		former employees of the plantation who have a		
10		property interest in the land;		
11		(B) The employee housing units not owned by their		
12		occupants shall be rented or leased at affordable		
13		rates for agricultural workers; or		
14		(C) The agricultural support buildings shall be		
15		rented or leased to agricultural business		
16		operators or agricultural support services;		
17	(13)	Agricultural tourism conducted on a working farm, or a		
18		farming operation as defined in section 165-2, for the		
19		enjoyment, education, or involvement of visitors;		
20		provided that the agricultural tourism activity is		
21		accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural		

1		use and does not interfere with surrounding farm
2		operations; [and] provided further that this paragraph
3		shall apply only to a county that has adopted
4		ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under
5		section 205-5;
6	(14)	Agricultural tourism activities, including overnight
7		accommodations of twenty-one days or less, for any one
8		stay within a county; provided that this paragraph
9		shall apply only to a county that includes at least
10		three islands and has adopted ordinances regulating
11		agricultural tourism activities pursuant to section
12		205-5; provided further that the agricultural tourism
13		activities coexist with a bona fide agricultural
14		activity. For the purposes of this paragraph, "bona
15		fide agricultural activity" means a farming operation
16		as defined in section 165-2;
17	(15)	Wind energy facilities, including the appurtenances
18		associated with the production and transmission of
19		wind generated energy; provided that the wind energy
20		facilities and appurtenances are compatible with

1		agriculture uses and cause minimal adverse impact on
2		agricultural land;
3	(16)	Biofuel processing facilities, including the
4		appurtenances associated with the production and
5		refining of biofuels that is normally considered
6		directly accessory and secondary to the growing of the
7		energy feedstock; provided that biofuel processing
8		facilities and appurtenances do not adversely impact
9		agricultural land and other agricultural uses in the
10		vicinity.
11		For the purposes of this paragraph:
12		"Appurtenances" means operational infrastructure
13		of the appropriate type and scale for economic
14		commercial storage and distribution, and other similar
15		handling of feedstock, fuels, and other products of
16		biofuel processing facilities.
17		"Biofuel processing facility" means a facility
18		that produces liquid or gaseous fuels from organic
19		sources such as biomass crops, agricultural residues,
20		and oil crops, including palm, canola, soybean, and
21		waste cooking oils; grease; food wastes; and animal

1		residues and wastes that can be used to generate
2		energy;
3	(17)	Agricultural-energy facilities, including
4		appurtenances necessary for an agricultural-energy
5		enterprise; provided that the primary activity of the
6		agricultural-energy enterprise is agricultural
7		activity. To be considered the primary activity of an
8		agricultural-energy enterprise, the total acreage
9		devoted to agricultural activity shall be not less
10		than ninety per cent of the total acreage of the
11		agricultural-energy enterprise. The agricultural-
12		energy facility shall be limited to lands owned,
13		leased, licensed, or operated by the entity conducting
14		the agricultural activity.
15		As used in this paragraph:
16		"Agricultural activity" means any activity
17		described in paragraphs (1) to (3) of this subsection.
18		"Agricultural-energy enterprise" means an
19		enterprise that integrally incorporates an
20		agricultural activity with an agricultural-energy
21		facility.

1		"Agricultural-energy facility" means a facility
2		that generates, stores, or distributes renewable
3		energy as defined in section 269-91 or renewable fuel
4		including electrical or thermal energy or liquid or
5		gaseous fuels from products of agricultural activities
6		from agricultural lands located in the State.
7		"Appurtenances" means operational infrastructure
8		of the appropriate type and scale for the economic
9		commercial generation, storage, distribution, and
10		other similar handling of energy, including equipment,
11		feedstock, fuels, and other products of agricultural-
12		energy facilities;
13	(18)	Construction and operation of wireless communication
14		antennas, including small wireless facilities;
15		provided that, for the purposes of this paragraph,
16		"wireless communication antenna" means communications
17		equipment that is either freestanding or placed upon
18		or attached to an already existing structure and that
19		transmits and receives electromagnetic radio signals

used in the provision of all types of wireless

communications services; provided further that "small

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1		wireless facilities" shall have the same meaning as in
2		section 206N-2; provided further that nothing in this
3		paragraph shall be construed to permit the
4		construction of any new structure that is not deemed a
5		permitted use under this subsection;
6	(19)	Agricultural education programs conducted on a farming
7		operation as defined in section 165-2, for the
8		education and participation of the general public;
9		provided that the agricultural education programs are
10		accessory and secondary to the principal agricultural
11		use of the parcels or lots on which the agricultural
12		education programs are to occur and do not interfere
13		with surrounding farm operations. For the purposes of
14		this paragraph, "agricultural education programs"
15		means activities or events designed to promote
16		knowledge and understanding of agricultural activities
17		and practices conducted on a farming operation as
18		defined in section 165-2;
19	(20)	Solar energy facilities that do not occupy more than
20		ten per cent of the acreage of the parcel, or twenty
21		acres of land, whichever is lesser or for which a

1		special use permit is granted pursuant to section 205-
2		6; provided that this use shall not be permitted on
3		lands with soil classified by the land study bureau's
4		detailed land classification as overall (master)
5		productivity rating class A;
6	(21)	Solar energy facilities on lands with soil classified
7		by the land study bureau's detailed land
8		classification as overall (master) productivity rating
9		B or C for which a special use permit is granted
10		pursuant to section 205-6; provided that:
11		(A) The area occupied by the solar energy facilities
12		is also made available for compatible
13		agricultural activities at a lease rate that is
14		at least fifty per cent below the fair market
15		rent for comparable properties;
16		(B) Proof of financial security to decommission the
17		facility is provided to the satisfaction of the
18		appropriate county planning commission prior to
19		date of commencement of commercial generation;
20		and

1		(C) Sola	r energy facilities shall be decommissioned
2		at t	he owner's expense according to the following
3		requ	irements:
4		(i)	Removal of all equipment related to the
5			solar energy facility within twelve months
6			of the conclusion of operation or useful
7			life; and
8		(ii)	Restoration of the disturbed earth to
9			substantially the same physical condition as
10			existed prior to the development of the
11			solar energy facility.
12		For the p	urposes of this paragraph, "agricultural
13		activitie	s" means the activities described in
14		paragraph	s (1) to (3);
15	(22)	Geotherma	l resources exploration and geothermal
16		resources	development, as defined under section 182-1;
17		or	
18	(23)	Hydroelec	tric facilities, including the appurtenances
19		associate	d with the production and transmission of
20		hydroelec	tric energy, subject to section 205-2;

1	provided	that the hydroelectric facilities and their
2	appurtena	nces:
3	(A) Shal	l consist of a small hydropower facility as
4	defi	ned by the United States Department of
5	Ener	gy, including:
6	(i)	Impoundment facilities using a dam to store
7		water in a reservoir;
8	(ii)	A diversion or run-of-river facility that
9		channels a portion of a river through a
10		canal or channel; and
11	(iii)	Pumped storage facilities that store energy
12		by pumping water uphill to a reservoir at
13		higher elevation from a reservoir at a lower
14		elevation to be released to turn a turbine
15		to generate electricity;
16	(B) Comp	ly with the state water code, chapter 174C;
17	(C) Shal	l, if over five hundred kilowatts in
18	hydr	oelectric generating capacity, have the
19	appr	oval of the commission on water resource
20	mana	gement, including a new instream flow

1		standard established for any new hydroelectric
2		facility; and
3	(D)	Do not impact or impede the use of agricultural
4		land or the availability of surface or ground
5		water for all uses on all parcels that are served
6		by the ground water sources or streams for which
7		hydroelectric facilities are considered.
8	(b) Uses	not expressly permitted in subsection (a) shall
9	be prohibited,	except the uses permitted as provided in sections
10	205-6 and 205-	8, and construction of single-family dwellings on
11	lots existing	pefore June 4, 1976. Any other law to the
12	contrary notwi	thstanding, no subdivision of land within the
13	agricultural d	istrict with soil classified by the land study
14	bureau's detai	led land classification as overall (master)
15	productivity r	ating class A or B shall be approved by a county
16	unless those A	and B lands within the subdivision are made
17	subject to the	restriction on uses as prescribed in this section
18	and to the con-	dition that the uses shall be primarily in pursuit
19	of an agricult	ural activity.
20	Any deed,	lease, agreement of sale, mortgage, or other
21	instrument of	conveyance covering any land within the

agricultural subdivision shall expressly contain the restriction 1 2 on uses and the condition, as prescribed in this section that 3 these restrictions and conditions shall be encumbrances running 4 with the land until such time that the land is reclassified to a 5 land use district other than agricultural district. 6 If the foregoing requirement of encumbrances running with 7 the land jeopardizes the owner or lessee in obtaining mortgage 8 financing from any of the mortgage lending agencies set forth in 9 the following paragraph, and the requirement is the sole reason 10 for failure to obtain mortgage financing, then the requirement 11 of encumbrances shall, insofar as such mortgage financing is 12 jeopardized, be conditionally waived by the appropriate county 13 enforcement officer; provided that the conditional waiver shall become effective only in the event that the property is 14 15 subjected to foreclosure proceedings by the mortgage lender. 16 The mortgage lending agencies referred to in the preceding **17** paragraph are the Federal Housing Administration, Federal 18 National Mortgage Association, Department of Veterans Affairs, 19 Small Business Administration, United States Department of 20 Agriculture, Federal Land Bank of Berkeley, Federal Intermediate

Credit Bank of Berkeley, Berkeley Bank for Cooperatives, and any

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- 1 other federal, state, or private mortgage lending agency
- 2 qualified to do business in Hawaii, and their respective
- 3 successors and assigns.
- 4 (c) Within the agricultural district, all lands with soil
- 5 classified by the land study bureau's detailed land
- 6 classification as overall (master) productivity rating class C,
- 7 D, E, or U shall be restricted to the uses permitted for
- 8 agricultural districts as set forth in section 205-5(b).
- 9 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to
- 10 the contrary, golf courses and golf driving ranges approved by a
- 11 county before July 1, 2005, for development within the
- 12 agricultural district shall be permitted uses within the
- 13 agricultural district.
- 14 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to
- 15 the contrary, plantation community subdivisions as defined in
- 16 this section shall be permitted uses within the agricultural
- 17 district, and section 205-8 shall not apply.
- 18 [+] (f) [+] Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
- 19 agricultural lands may be subdivided and leased for the
- 20 agricultural uses or activities permitted in subsection (a);
- 21 provided that:

1	(1)	The principal use of the leased land is agriculture;
2	(2)	No permanent or temporary dwellings or farm dwellings
3		including trailers and campers, are constructed on the
4		leased area. This restriction shall not prohibit the
5		construction of storage sheds, equipment sheds, or
6		other structures appropriate to the agricultural
7		activity carried on within the lot; and
8	(3)	The lease term for a subdivided lot shall be for at
9		least as long as the greater of:
10		(A) The minimum real property tax agricultural
11		dedication period of the county in which the
12		subdivided lot is located; or
13		(B) Five years.
14	Lots crea	ted and leased pursuant to this section shall be legal
15	lots of r	ecord for mortgage lending purposes and shall be exemp
16	from coun	ty subdivision standards.
17	(g)	Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
18	compostin	g and co-composting operations shall be permitted uses
19	within th	e agricultural district."
20	SECT	ION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Composting; Co-composting; Department of Health; Rules; Agricultural Districts

Description:

Requires the department of health to periodically update its co-composting rules. Requires department of health to establish a multi-tiered registration and permitting system for composting facilities. Allows composting and co-composting in agricultural districts. (SD1)

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