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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPOSTING GRANT PROGRAM.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that on-site school  
2 campus composting programs involving students have been very  
3 successful in providing a beneficial method of waste diversion.  
4 The programs provide numerous benefits to students, taxpayers,  
5 and the environment.

6           The legislature further finds that Act 207, Session Laws of  
7 Hawaii 2018, authorized the department of education to establish  
8 composting grant pilot projects in schools.

9           The purpose of this Act is to establish a permanent  
10 composting grant program within the department of education.

11          SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to part II, subpart C, to be  
13 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

14          "§302A-       Composting grant program. (a) There is  
15 established within the department a composting grant program.

16 The purpose of the composting grant program shall be to:

17          (1) Address opportunities for waste diversion in schools;



- 1        (2) Engage students to learn about multiple composting and  
2        fermentation methods, as well as methods to test and  
3        monitor for effectiveness;
- 4        (3) Develop nutrient-rich soil for school gardens and  
5        local agricultural endeavors;
- 6        (4) Decrease the amount of methane-producing waste  
7        directed to landfills; and
- 8        (5) Decrease the overall trash hauling cost to taxpayers.
- 9        (b) In establishing the composting grant program, the  
10       department shall:
- 11       (1) Develop, adopt, and implement campus composting  
12       guidelines in conjunction with department of health  
13       rules for system-wide guidance, which shall include  
14       leachate monitoring, pathogen testing, involvement of  
15       community members, development of a fire plan,  
16       material categorization, and volume recording;
- 17       (2) Develop and establish networks and relationships with  
18       local farms and piggeries that may be able to accept  
19       surplus food waste; and
- 20       (3) Develop and establish guidelines for grant recipients  
21       to ensure program effectiveness.



1        (c) The department may issue grants to establish  
2 composting programs in department schools in accordance with  
3 this section. The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to  
4 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to implement the composting  
5 grant program.

6        (d) The department's farm to school program, established  
7 under section 302A-405.5, shall provide oversight of the  
8 composting grant program."

9        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



# S.B. NO. 2545

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; School Composting Grant Program

**Description:**

Establishes permanent school composting grant program within the Department of Education.

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