

JAN 21 2022

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;



(2) Engage students to learn about multiple composting and fermentation methods, as well as methods to test and monitor for effectiveness;

(3) Develop nutrient-rich soil for school gardens and local agricultural endeavors;

(4) Decrease the amount of methane-producing waste directed to landfills; and

(5) Decrease the overall trash hauling cost to taxpayers.

(b) In establishing the composting grant program, the department shall:

(1) Develop, adopt, and implement campus composting guidelines in conjunction with department of health rules for system-wide guidance, which shall include leachate monitoring, pathogen testing, involvement of community members, development of a fire plan, material categorization, and volume recording;

(2) Develop and establish networks and relationships with local farms and piggeries that may be able to accept surplus food waste; and

(3) Develop and establish guidelines for grant recipients 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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