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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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 to implement the composting grant program.

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

8        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Department of Education; School Composting Grant Program

**Description:**

Establishes permanent school composting grant program within the Department of Education. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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