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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 342G-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately  
3 inserted and to read as follows:

4           "Biodegradable" means capable of being broken down into  
5 carbon dioxide, methane, or simple organic compounds.

6           "Organic waste" means any material that is biodegradable  
7 and comes from either a plant or an animal. The term includes  
8 green waste, food waste, food-soiled paper that is acceptable  
9 for food storage, and untreated and unpainted wood waste."

10          SECTION 2. Section 342G-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

12          "(c) The recycling [~~and~~], bioconversion, and organic waste  
13 diversion component shall identify and assess:

14           (1) The level of waste reduction the county is achieving  
15           through existing recycling and bioconversion efforts;



- 1           (2) The type and amount of solid waste that it is
- 2                   technically and economically feasible to recycle or
- 3                   alter through bioconversion; [~~and~~]
- 4           (3) Methods to increase and improve the recycling and
- 5                   bioconversion efforts, including opportunities for
- 6                   backyard composting[~~-~~]; and
- 7           (4) Diversion of all organic waste produced within the
- 8                   county by facilities generating more than a minimum
- 9                   amount, to be determined by the department, of organic
- 10                   waste per year.

11           For recycling, the counties shall assess the type and  
12 amount of solid waste that it is technically feasible to  
13 recycle, giving consideration at a minimum to clear glass,  
14 colored glass, aluminum, steel and bimetallic cans, high-grade  
15 office paper, newsprint, mixed paper, corrugated paper, HDPE,  
16 PET, and green waste.

17           For bioconversion, the counties shall assess the type and  
18 amount of solid waste that it is technically feasible to alter  
19 through bioconversion, giving consideration at a minimum to  
20 green waste, wood waste, animal manure, sewage sludge, and food  
21 wastes."



1           SECTION 3. Each county shall incorporate the new  
2 requirement established by section 2 of this Act into its next  
3 integrated solid waste management plan revision for submission  
4 to the office of solid waste management of the department of  
5 health pursuant to section 342G-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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 2023-2024 and  
9 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
10 year 2024-2025 for the department of health to reimburse the  
11 counties for incorporation of the new requirements under this  
12 Act into their respective integrated solid waste management plan  
13 revisions as required by this Act.

14           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
15 of health for the purposes of this Act.

16           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



# H.B. NO. 282

1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
2 provided that section 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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# H.B. NO. 256

**Report Title:**

Counties; Organic Waste Diversion; Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan; Appropriation

**Description:**

Requires each county to incorporate into its next integrated solid waste management plan revision a plan to divert all organic waste produced within the county by facilities generating more than a certain amount of organic waste per year. Appropriates funds to reimburse the counties for incorporation of the new requirement into their plan revisions.

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