

ACT 233

S.B. NO. 2161

A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Collection and Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Statewide household hazardous waste collection program.

The department of health shall develop and administer, in coordination with the solid waste divisions of the various counties, a statewide program for the collection and proper disposal of household hazardous wastes generated in households throughout the State. The program shall be known as the statewide household hazardous waste collection program. A primary element of the program shall be an educational element with a focus on household hazardous waste minimization through the use of safe alternatives, proper product purchase and use, and recycling or reuse options, whenever possible. Whenever possible, the program shall seek the cooperation, and in-kind assistance of other state and county agencies to secure the use of buildings and necessary facilities to serve as household hazardous waste collection stations; provided that these stations meet the minimum standards of worker and environmental safety applicable under law. The handling, storage, transport, and disposal of household hazardous wastes accumulated by the program under this section shall be in accordance with applicable county, state, and federal laws governing the disposition of household hazardous wastes. The department shall submit an annual report to the legislature prior to the convening of each regular legislative session detailing the expenditures made and the collection projects undertaken by the program.

For the purposes of this section, "household hazardous waste" means post-consumer domestic solid waste exhibiting one or more of the physical or chemical properties characteristic of hazardous waste.

SECTION 2. The department of health, in coordination with the various counties, shall prepare a plan providing details about the following:

- (1) The scope of the statewide household hazardous waste collection program;
- (2) The state and county responsibilities in carrying out the program; and
- (3) A breakdown of budgetary requirements, including county participation.

The department shall submit the plan, with its findings and recommendations, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 1995.

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SECTION 3. The department of health shall develop and conduct an educational and outreach program during fiscal year 1994-1995. The focus of the educational and outreach program shall be to:

- (1) Increase awareness of the problems resulting from the improper disposal of household hazardous wastes;
- (2) Educate the public concerning the use and availability of environmentally-safe alternatives; and
- (3) Promote current county efforts in household hazardous waste collection.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1994-1995, for the outreach and educational program developed by the department of health pursuant to this Act.

SECTION 5. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1994.

(Approved June 22, 1994.)