

ACT 6

H.B. NO. 4035

A Bill for an Act Relating to Packaged Soil.

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

SECTION 1. The current standard for sale of packaged soil, sand gravel, and the like, which is regulated through administrative rules, is for soil and soil amendments to be sold in specific units.

The purpose of this Act is to replace the current standard with wording to conform with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook, 130 (1993 edition). The change would better maximize the use of container space and reduce shipping costs per unit, with the ultimate beneficiaries being consumers.

SECTION 2. Chapter 486, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§486- Packaged soil, sand, gravel, volcanic cinders, woodshavings, crushed rock, compost, soil amendments, shredded hapuu, hapuu chunks, planting mixes or media, chicken or steer manure, redwood bark, and the like.

(a) Packaged soil, sand, gravel, volcanic cinders, woodshavings, crushed rock, compost, soil amendments, shredded hapuu, hapuu chunks, planting mixes, chicken or steer manure, redwood bark, and other similar media for planting, shall be marketed:

(1) By cubic measure:

(A) In the inch-pound system, by cubic feet, or fractions thereof; and

(B) In the SI, by liters, or fractions thereof;

and

(2) By volume measure, in terms of whole dry quarts.

(b) A commodity marketed in terms of compressed cubic measurement shall be labeled to reflect the quantity in the compressed state and the quantity from which the final product was compressed, the latter declaration not exceeding the actual amount of material that can be recovered.

(c) Processed pelletized, dried, or dehydrated poultry waste (chicken manure) and the like may be sold by weight.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1996, and shall be repealed on June 30, 1999.

(Approved April 11, 1996.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.