

1                                    A bill to be entitled  
 2                    An act relating to disposal of food waste materials  
 3                    study; directing the Department of Environmental  
 4                    Protection to conduct a study on the disposal of food  
 5                    waste materials and submit a report to the Legislature  
 6                    by a specified date; providing study requirements;  
 7                    providing an appropriation; providing an effective  
 8                    date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12                    Section 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Protection  
 13 shall conduct a study on the disposal of food waste materials  
 14 and submit a report to the President of the Senate and the  
 15 Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before July 1,  
 16 2024.

17                    (2) The study must:

18                    (a) Determine the current impact of the disposal of food  
 19 waste materials in landfills and at solid waste facilities.

20                    (b) Determine what composting facilities, anaerobic  
 21 digestion facilities, and other recycling facilities currently  
 22 exist in the state with the capacity to accept food waste  
 23 materials.

24                    (c) Examine the current cost of the disposal of food waste  
 25 materials in landfills and at solid waste facilities versus the

26 cost of the disposal of food waste materials at composting  
 27 facilities, anaerobic digestion facilities, and other recycling  
 28 facilities.

29 (d) Provide legislative recommendations on the feasibility  
 30 of a pilot program to require food outlets, food service  
 31 establishments, schools or other educational facilities, and  
 32 businesses to recycle food waste materials and the most  
 33 efficient method to accomplish the goal of redirecting the  
 34 disposal of food waste materials in landfills and at solid waste  
 35 facilities to composting facilities, anaerobic digestion  
 36 facilities, and other recycling facilities. The department may  
 37 provide legislative recommendations for additional goals of the  
 38 pilot program.

39 (e) Provide legislative recommendations for educational  
 40 materials on the benefits of alternative food disposal methods.

41 (f) Determine the type and size of food outlets, food  
 42 service establishments, schools or other educational facilities,  
 43 and businesses that should participate in the pilot program  
 44 under paragraph (d).

45 (3) For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the nonrecurring sum of  
 46 \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the  
 47 department for the purpose of conducting a study on the disposal  
 48 of food waste materials pursuant to this section.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.