

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 587

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and  
Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 587 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require each county to  
submit to the Legislature a comprehensive integrated wastewater  
management plan report that addresses and identifies the county's  
wastewater management needs, including financial needs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, University of Hawai'i Sea Grant  
College Program, University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research  
Center, County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management,  
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawai'i  
Reef and Ocean Coalition, Hawai'i Association of REALTORS, WAI:  
Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations, and five individuals.

Your Committees find that every cesspool in the State,  
excluding cesspools exempted by the Director of Health, shall be  
upgraded or converted to a Director-approved wastewater system or  
connected to a sewerage system by January 1, 2050. Converting,  
upgrading, or connecting over eighty thousand cesspools by 2050  
will be a massive infrastructure project and will require proper  
planning and administration across various stakeholders and

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governmental entities, including several counties. This measure identifies existing wastewater management infrastructure needs, including financial needs, and helps to ensure that residents can comply with the conversion mandate.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 587, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 587, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Water & Land,

  
LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair

  
NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair





Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 587	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EEP/WAL, CPC, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 02   02   2023		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
<b>WAL Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	8			
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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