

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1395

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: S.B. No. 1232
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which
was referred S.B. No. 1232, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate
funds to the University of Hawaii for a three-year New Wastewater
Technology Testing Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;
University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center; Hawai'i
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Hawai'i Reef
and Ocean Coalition; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party
of Hawai'i; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; and Hawai'i
Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that every cesspool in the State, except
for cesspools granted exemptions by the Director of Health, must
be upgraded or converted to a Director of Health-approved
wastewater system or connected to a sewerage system by January 1,
2050. Your Committee recognizes that the costs associated with
the upgrade, conversion, or connection of cesspools are
significant and that there are new and emerging wastewater

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technologies and management solutions that may be more effective and less costly. This measure ensures that the affordability, feasibility, and efficiency of these new technologies are assessed as possible alternatives.

Your Committee requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$750,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1232, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB1232, SD2, HD1	Committee Referral: HED, EEP, FIN	Date: 3/18/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
6. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (6)	4			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Amy Perruso</i></div>				
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