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HB 99

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### H.B. 99, RELATING TO GRAY WATER

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- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the use of gray water from residences for  
2 irrigation but respectfully **opposes** this measure at this time because of a conflict with HRS 107, Part II,  
3 "State Building Code and Design Standards."
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** Yes, additional manpower may be needed in implementing the program.
- 5 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill amends Hawaii Revised Statutes section 342D-70, by allowing  
6 the Department of Health to authorize any county graywater recycling program; provided that the  
7 program complies with standards established by the department. It also requires the department to  
8 establish standards for graywater recycling programs that include requirements of the bill.
- 9 This bill will conflict with HRS 107, Part II, "State Building Code and Design Standards," which  
10 established the State Building Code Council within the Department of Accounting and General Services.
- 11 The council's purpose was to establish administrative rules for statewide codes applicable to all  
12 counties. The council's efforts resulted in the adoption of the State Plumbing Code (Chapter 3-183,  
13 HAR) effective, April 16, 2010. The code incorporates the Uniform Plumbing Code standards for gray  
14 water systems (Chapter 16, "Gray Water Systems").
- 15 We recommend the State Plumbing Code process be tried before amending the law.
- 16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.