A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's fresh,
2	marine, and ground waters are being harmed by water pollution
3	from many sources, including nonpoint stormwater discharges from
4	agriculture and other lands as well as individual wastewater
5	systems, which are facilities, including cesspools, septic
6	systems, and aerobic treatment units, that are not connected to
7	a sewer. The legislature finds that runoff from agriculture and
8	other lands is polluted with soil, fertilizers, pesticides, and
9	other wastes, and so harms state waters, coral reefs, and public
10	recreation with the frequently required "brownwater advisories"
11	that follow heavy rain events. Stormwater runoff also harms
12	Hawaii's agriculture by carrying away precious topsoil.
13	The director of health is authorized to control water
14	pollution under several Hawaii statutes. The director under
15	sections 342D-4 and 342D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall
16	prevent, control, and abate water pollution, may control all
17	management practices for domestic sewage, and may adopt rules
18	necessary to control water pollution. The director under

- 1 section 321-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may adopt rules deemed
- 2 necessary for the public health respecting nuisances and
- 3 cesspools. The director under sections 342E-3(a)(2) and 342E-
- 4 3(a)(11), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall adopt rules and propose
- 5 legislation, alternative funding mechanisms, and new programs to
- 6 improve the State's capacity to mitigate nonpoint source
- 7 pollution.
- 8 The director of health is not, however, explicitly
- 9 authorized by statute to collect fees to fund programs that
- 10 reduce nonpoint source pollution or fees on owners of individual
- 11 wastewater systems.
- 12 The legislature finds that the department of health is
- 13 understaffed to manage nonpoint source pollution. The
- 14 legislature further finds that, although owners of individual
- 15 wastewater systems may pay initial filing fees for new systems
- 16 and modifications to existing systems, they do not pay fees for
- 17 the pollution that individual wastewater systems place in the
- 18 public's surface waters and groundwater, nor do they pay the
- 19 substantial fees charged to those who are served by sewers that
- 20 treat and mitigate wastewater pollution.
- 21 The purpose of this Act is to improve the State's ability
- 22 to control and reduce water pollution from nonpoint sources and
- 23 individual wastewater systems. This Act requires the director

- 1 of health to establish by rule fees to fund programs that reduce
- 2 pollution from nonpoint sources and operating fees for owners of
- 3 individual wastewater systems.
- 4 SECTION 2. Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 5 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
- 6 designated and to read as follows:
- 7 "§342D- Water pollution control account within the
- 8 revolving fund. (a) The director shall direct the creation of
- 9 a separate account within the water pollution control revolving
- 10 fund established under section 342D-83. This separate account
- 11 shall be designated as the water pollution control account, into
- 12 which shall be deposited all revenues generated from fees
- 13 authorized in rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91 under this
- 14 chapter or chapter 342E and any moneys appropriated from the
- 15 general revenues of the State for these purposes. All interest
- 16 earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the water pollution
- 17 control account shall become a part of the account.
- 18 (b) The moneys in the water pollution control account
- 19 shall be expended by the department for controlling and reducing
- 20 pollution from point sources, nonpoint sources, and individual
- 21 wastewater systems, including without limitation by:
- 22 (1) Preparing generally applicable rules or guidelines;

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1	(2)	Implementing and enforcing the terms and conditions of
2		any rules, permits, and management plans relating to
3		point and nonpoint sources of pollution, and
4		department-approved plans for individual wastewater
5		systems, including legal support as defined by rules;
6	(3)	Monitoring discharges from point sources, nonpoint
7		sources, and individual wastewater systems;
8	(4)	Performing or reviewing modeling, analyses, and
9		demonstrations; and
10	<u>(5)</u>	Administering the water pollution control account.
11	<u>§342</u>	D- Fees. The director shall adopt rules
12	<u>establish</u>	ing operating fees for owners of individual wastewater
13	systems,	to be collected by the counties along with property
14	taxes or	by other alternative mechanism as the director may
15	determine	by rule. If the counties collect fees, they shall
16	timely re	mit them, minus reasonable collection charges as the
17	director	may establish by rule after consultation with the
18	counties,	for deposit to the credit of the water pollution
19	control a	ccount within the water pollution control revolving
20	fund."	
21	SECT	ION 3. Chapter 342E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22	amended b	y adding fourteen new sections to be appropriately
23	designate	d and to read as follows:

1	"§342E-A Management plans; procedures for. (a) Any
2	person, including any public body, shall submit an application
3	for approval of a management plan in a form prescribed by the
4	director and obtain a management plan approval from the director
5	prior to discharging any water pollutant into state waters from
6	a nonpoint source, or causing or allowing any water pollutant to
7	enter state waters from a nonpoint source other than in
8	compliance with this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this
9	chapter.
10	(b) The department may require that applications for
11	approval of any management plans shall be accompanied by plans,
12	specifications, and any other information that it deems
13	necessary in order to determine whether the proposed
14	installation, alteration, or use will be in accord with
15	applicable rules and standards, including without limitation
16	water quality standards and standards of performance for
17	specific areas and types of discharges in the control of water
18	pollution, thereby allowing for varying local conditions, as
19	adopted by the director in rules pursuant to section 342D-5.
20	(c) The director shall approve a management plan for any
21	term, not exceeding five years, if the director determines that
22	it will be in the public interest; provided that the management
23	plan may be subject to any reasonable conditions that the

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Ţ	arrector m	ay prescribe. The director, on application, shall
2	renew a ma	nagement plan from time to time for a term not
. 3	exceeding	five years if the director determines that it will be
4	in the pub	lic interest. The director shall not deny an
5	applicatio	n for the issuance or renewal of a management plan
6	without af	fording the applicant an opportunity for a hearing in
7	accordance	with chapter 91. A request for a hearing and any
8	judicial r	eview of the hearing decision shall not stay the
9	effect of	the issuance or renewal of a management plan unless
10	specifical	ly ordered by the director or a court.
11	<u>(d)</u>	Applicants shall comply with all department orders,
12	conditions	of approval, and minimum criteria that the department
13	may establ	ish by rule.
14	<u>(e)</u>	The director, on the director's own motion or the
15	application	of any person, may modify, suspend, revoke, or revoke
16	and reissue	any water pollution management plan approval if,
17	after affor	ding the applicant an opportunity for a hearing in
18	accordance	with chapter 91, the director determines that:
19	(1)	There is a violation of any condition of the
20		management plan;
21	(2)	The management plan was obtained by misrepresentation,
22		or there was failure to disclose fully all relevant
23		facts;

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1	<u>(3)</u>	There is a change in any condition that requires
2		either a temporary or permanent change in the
3		management plan; or
4	(4)	It is in the public interest.
5	<u>(f)</u>	The director shall ensure that the public receives
6	notice of	each application for a management plan to control
7	water pol	lution. The director may hold a public hearing before
8	ruling on	an application for a management plan to control water
9	pollution	if the director determines the public hearing to be in
10	the publi	c interest. In determining whether a public hearing
11	would be	in the public interest, the director shall be guided by
12	whether t	he director finds, on the basis of requests, a
13	significa	nt degree of public interest in a management plan, or a
14	need to c	larify issues in a management plan.
15	<u>(g)</u>	In determining the public interest regarding
16	managemen	t plan approval issuance or renewal, the director shall
17	consider	the environmental impact of the proposed plan, any
18	adverse e	nvironmental effects which cannot be avoided should the
19	plan be i	mplemented, the alternatives to the proposed plan, the
20	relations	hip between local short-term uses of the environment
21	and the m	aintenance and enhancement of long-term productivity,
22	any irrev	ersible and irretrievable commitments of resources that
23	would be	involved in the proposed plan should it be implemented,

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1	and any other factors which the director, by rule, may
2	prescribe; provided that any determination of public interest
3	shall promote the optimum balance between economic development
4	and environmental quality.
5	(h) No applicant for a modification or renewal of a
6	management plan approval shall be held in violation of this
7	chapter during the pendency of the applicant's application so
8	long as the applicant acts consistently with the management plan
9	previously granted, the application and all plans,
10	specifications, and other information submitted as part thereof.
11	§342E-B Enforcement. (a) If the director determines that
12	any person has violated or is violating this chapter, any rule
13	adopted pursuant to this chapter, any management plan approval
14	issued pursuant to this chapter, or any water quality standard
15	or standards of performance for specific areas and types of
16	discharges in the control of water pollution, thereby allowing
17	for varying local conditions, as adopted by rule pursuant to
18	section 342E-3, the director:
19	(1) Shall cause written notice to be served upon the
20	alleged violator or violators. The notice shall
21	specify the alleged violation and may contain an order
22	specifying a reasonable time during which that person
23	shall be required to take any measures that may be

1		necessary to correct the violation and to give
2		periodic progress reports;
3	(2)	May require that the alleged violator or violators
4		appear before the director for a hearing at a time and
5		place specified in the notice and answer the charges
6		complained of; and
7	<u>(3)</u>	May impose penalties as provided in section 342E-I by
8		sending written notice, either by certified mail or by
9		personal service, to the alleged violator or violators
10		describing the violation.
11	<u>(b)</u>	If the director determines that any person is
12	continuin	g to violate this chapter, any rule adopted pursuant to
13	this chap	ter, or any management plan approval issued pursuant to
14	this chap	ter after having been served notice of violation, the
15	director:	
16	(1)	Shall cause written notice to be served upon the
17		alleged violator or violators. The notice shall
18		specify the alleged violation and shall contain an
19		order requiring that person to submit a written
20		schedule within thirty days specifying the measures to
21		be taken and the time within which such measures shall
22		be taken to bring that person into compliance with
23		this chapter, any rule adopted pursuant to this

1		chapter, or any management plan approval issued
2		pursuant to this chapter;
3	(2)	Shall accept or modify the submitted schedule within
4		thirty days of receipt of the schedule. Any schedule
5		not acted upon after thirty days of receipt by the
6		director shall be deemed accepted by the director;
7	<u>(3)</u>	Shall issue to the alleged violator or violators a
8		cease and desist order against the activities that
9		violate this chapter, any rule adopted pursuant to
10		this chapter, or any management plan approval issued
11		pursuant to this chapter if that person does not
12		submit a written schedule to the director within
13		thirty days. This order shall remain in effect until
14		the director accepts the written schedule; and
15	(4)	May impose penalties as provided in section 342E-I by
16		sending a notice in writing, either by certified mail
17		or by personal service, to the alleged violator or
18		violators describing the violation.
19	<u>(c)</u> :	If the director determines that any person has
20	violated .	an accepted schedule or an order issued under this
21	section,	the director shall impose penalties by sending a notice
22	in writin	g, either by certified mail or by personal service, to

1	that person, describing such nonadherence or violation with
2	reasonable particularity.
3	(d) Any order issued under this chapter shall become
4	final, unless not later than twenty days after the notice of
5	order is served, the person or persons named therein request in
6	writing a hearing before the director. Any penalty imposed
7	under this chapter shall become due and payable twenty days
8	after the notice of penalty is served unless the person or
9	persons named therein request in writing a hearing before the
10	director. Whenever a hearing is requested on any penalty
11	imposed under this chapter, the penalty shall become due and
12	payable only upon completion of all review proceedings and the
13	issuance of a final order confirming the penalty in whole or in
14	part. Upon request for a hearing, the director shall require
15	that the alleged violator or violators appear before the
16	director for a hearing at a time and place specified in the
17	notice and answer the charges complained of.
18	(e) Any hearing conducted under this section shall be
19	conducted as a contested case under chapter 91. If after a
20	hearing held pursuant to this section, the director finds that a
21	violation or violations have occurred, the director shall affirm
22	or modify any penalties imposed or shall modify or affirm the
23	order previously issued or issue an appropriate order or orders

1 for the prevention, abatement, or control of the violation or 2 discharges involved, or for the taking of such other corrective 3 action as may be appropriate. If, after a hearing on an order 4 or penalty contained in a notice, the director finds that no 5 violation has occurred or is occurring, the director shall 6 rescind the order or penalty. Any order issued after hearing 7 may prescribe the date or dates by which the violation or 8 violations shall cease and may prescribe timetables for 9 necessary action in preventing, abating, or controlling the 10 violation or discharges. 11 If the amount of any penalty is not paid to the (f) 12 department within thirty days after it becomes due and payable, 13 the director may institute a civil action in the name of the 14 State to collect the administrative penalty which shall be a 15 government realization. 16 In any proceeding to collect the administrative penalty 17 imposed, the director need only show that: 18 (1) Notice was given; 19 (2) A hearing was held or the time granted for requesting 20 a hearing expired without a request for a hearing; 21 The administrative penalty was imposed; and (3) 22 (4)The penalty remains unpaid.

1 (g) In connection with any hearing held pursuant to this 2 section, the director shall have the power to subpoena the 3 attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence on behalf 4 of all parties. 5 §342E-C Injunctive and other relief. The director may 6 institute a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction 7 for injunctive and other relief to prevent any violation of this 8 chapter, any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, or any 9 condition of a management plan approval issued pursuant to this 10 chapter, without the necessity of a prior revocation of the 11 management plan approval, to impose and collect civil penalties, 12 to collect administrative penalties, or to obtain other relief. 13 The court shall have power to grant relief in accordance with 14 the Hawaii rules of civil procedure. 15 §342E-D Appeal. If any party is aggrieved by the decision 16 of the director, the party may appeal in the manner provided in 17 chapter 91 to the circuit court of the circuit in which the 18 party resides or has the party's principal place of business or 19 in which the action in question occurred; provided that the 20 operation of a cease and desist order will not be stayed on 21 appeal unless specifically ordered by a court of competent 22 jurisdiction.

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1	§342E-E Fees. The director shall by rule pursuant to
2	chapter 91 establish reasonable fees to cover the costs of
3	reviewing management plans and issuing approvals, implementing
4	and enforcing the terms and conditions of management plan
5	approvals, and other department efforts to control nonpoint
6	source pollution. These fees shall be deposited to the credit
7	of the water pollution control account within the water
8	pollution control revolving fund.
9	§342E-F Public records; confidential information;
10	penalties. Reports submitted to the department on discharges of
11	waste shall be made available for inspection by the public
12	during established office hours unless such reports contain
13	information of a confidential nature concerning secret processes
14	or methods of manufacture. Any officer, employee, or agent of
15	the department acquiring confidential information from the
16	inspection authorized by section 342E-3 who divulges information
17	except as authorized in this chapter or except as ordered by a
18	court or at an administrative hearing regarding an alleged
19	violation of this chapter or of any rule or standard adopted
20	pursuant to this chapter shall be fined not more than \$1,000.
21	§342E-G Nonliability of department personnel.
22	Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no member,
23	officer, or employee of the department shall be criminally

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1	<u>liable or</u>	responsible under this chapter for any acts of
2	trespass	by the member, officer, or employee in the performance
3	of the me	mber's, officer's, or employee's duties.
4	<u>§342</u>	E-H Other action not barred. No existing civil remedy
5	or crimin	al penalty for any wrongful action that is a violation
6	of any st	atute or any rule of the department or the ordinance of
7	any count	y shall be precluded or impaired by this chapter. No
8	existing	civil remedy or criminal penalty shall exclude or
9	impair th	e remedies provided in this chapter.
10	<u>§342</u>	E-I Administrative penalties. (a) In addition to any
11	other adm	inistrative or judicial remedy provided by this
12	chapter,	or by rules adopted under this chapter, the director is
13	authorize	d to impose by order the penalties specified in section
14	<u>342E-4.</u>	
15	<u>(b)</u>	Factors to be considered in imposing an administrative
16	penalty i	nclude:
17	(1)	The nature, circumstances, extent, gravity, and
18		history of the violation and of any prior violations;
19	(2)	The economic benefit to the violator, or anticipated
20		by the violator, resulting from the violation;
21	<u>(3)</u>	The opportunity, difficulty, and history of corrective
22		action;
23	(4)	Good faith efforts to comply;

1 (5) Degree of culpability; and . 2 (6) Such other matters as justice may require. 3 It is presumed that the violator's economic and 4 financial conditions allow payment of the penalty, and the 5 burden of proof to the contrary is on the violator. 6 \$342E-J False statements. Any person who knowingly makes 7 any false material statement, representation, or certification 8 in any application, record, report, plan or other document filed 9 or required to be maintained under this chapter or who knowingly 10 falsifies, tampers with, or renders inaccurate any monitoring 11 device or method required to be maintained under this chapter, 12 shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than 13 \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or by 14 both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed 15 after a first conviction of such person under this section, 16 punishment shall be by a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day 17 of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than four years, or 18 by both. 19 §342E-K Responsible corporate officer as "person". For 20 the purpose of this chapter, the term "person" means, in 21 addition to the definition contained in section 342E-1, any 22 responsible corporate officer.

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1	§342E-L Prohibition. (a) No person, including any public
2	body, shall discharge any water pollutant into state waters, or
3	cause or allow any water pollutant to enter state waters from a
4	nonpoint source except in compliance with this chapter, rules
5	adopted pursuant to this chapter, or a management plan approval
6	issued by the director.
7	(b) No person, including any public body, shall violate any
8	rule adopted pursuant to this chapter or any management plan
9	approval issued or modified pursuant to this chapter.
10	§342E-M Public participation activities; appointment of
11	hearings officers. The director may appoint, without regard to
12	chapter 76, hearings officers to conduct public participation
13	activities, including public hearings and public informational
14	meetings.
15	§342E-N Consultation and advice. The director may consult
16	with and advise:
17	(1) Any person engaged or intending to be engaged in any
18	business or undertaking whose waste, sewage, or
19	drainage is polluting or may tend to pollute state
20	waters; and
21	(2) Persons intending to alter or to extend any system of
22	drainage, sewage, or water supply."

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1	SECTION 4. Section 342E-1, Hawall Revised Statutes, is		
2	amended by adding eleven new definitions to be appropriately		
3	inserted and to read as follows:		
4	""Best management practices" means schedules of activities,		
5	prohibitions or designations of practices, maintenance		
6	procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce		
7	the pollution of state waters. Best management practices also		
8	include treatment requirements, operating procedures and		
9	practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or		
10	waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.		
11	"Domestic wastewater" is waste and wastewater from humans		
12	or household operations that:		
13	(1) Is discharged to or otherwise enters a treatment		
14	works; or		
15	(2) Is of a type that is usually discharged to or		
16	otherwise enters a treatment works or an individual		
17	wastewater system.		
18	"Individual wastewater systems" means facilities, including		
19	cesspools, septic systems, and aerobic treatment units, that are		
20	not connected to a sewer and are used and designed to receive		
21	and dispose of no more than one thousand gallons per day of		
22	domestic wastewater (or greater than one thousand gallons with a		
23	variance).		

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1 "Management plan" means a document that describes likely 2 nonpoint source pollution from a property and measures to 3 control, minimize, and reduce such pollution. These plans 4 generally contain various best management practices, which may 5 be general, industry-specific or site-specific. 6 "Management plan approval" means written authorization from 7 the director to construct, modify, or operate any nonpoint water 8 pollution source under the terms of the management plan, 9 including any conditions required by the director. 10 "Party" means each person or agency named as party or 11 properly entitled to be a party in any court or agency 12 proceeding. 13 "Standard of performance" means a standard for the control 14 of the discharge of water pollutants that reflects the greatest 15 degree of effluent reduction which the director determines to be 16 achievable through application of the best demonstrated control technology, processes, operating methods, or other alternatives, 17 18 including, where practicable, a standard permitting no discharge 19 of water pollutants. **20** "Waste" means sewage, industrial and agricultural matter, 21 and all other liquid, gaseous, or solid substance, including 22 radioactive substance, whether treated or not, which may pollute 23 or tend to pollute the waters of this State.

1	<u>"Was</u>	tewater" means any liquid waste, whether treated or
2	not, and	whether animal, mineral, or vegetable including
3	agricultu	ral, industrial, and thermal wastes.
4	<u>"Wat</u>	er pollutant" means dredged spoil, solid refuse,
5	incinerat	or residue, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions,
6	chemical	waste, biological materials, radioactive materials,
7	heat, wre	cked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, soil,
8	sediment,	cellar dirt, and industrial, municipal, and
9	agricultu	ral waste.
10	<u>"Wat</u>	er pollution" means:
11	(1)	Such contamination or other alteration of the
12		physical, chemical, or biological properties of any
13		state waters, including change in temperature, taste,
14		color, turbidity, or odor of the waters, or
15	(2)	Such discharge of any liquid, gaseous, solid,
16		radioactive, or other substances into any state
17		waters,
18	as will o	r is likely to create a nuisance or render such waters
19	unreasona	bly harmful, detrimental, or injurious to public
20	health, s	afety, or welfare, including harm, detriment, or injury
21	to public	water supplies, fish and aquatic life and wildlife,
22	recreatio	nal purposes and agricultural and industrial research
23	and scien	tific uses of such waters or as will or is likely to

1 violate any water quality standards, effluent standards, 2 treatment and pretreatment standards, or standards of performance for new sources adopted by the department." 3 4 SECTION 5. Section 342E-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 5 amended to read as follows: 6 "[+] \$342E-4[+] Civil penalties. (a) Any person who 7 violates any rule adopted under this chapter shall be fined not 8 more than [\$10,000] \$25,000 for each separate offense. Each day 9 of each violation shall constitute a separate offense. 10 action taken in court to impose or collect the penalty provided 11 for in this [section] subsection shall be considered a civil 12 action. In determining the amount of a civil penalty the court 13 shall consider the seriousness of the violation or violations, 14 the economic benefit, if any, resulting from the violation, any 15 history of these violations, any good-faith efforts to comply 16 with the applicable requirements, the economic impact of the 17 penalty on the violator, and any other matters that justice may 18 require. It shall be presumed that the violator's economic and financial conditions allow payment of the penalty, and the 19 20 burden of proof of the contrary is on the violator. 21 Any person who denies, obstructs, or hampers the 22 entrance to and inspection by any duly authorized officer or 23 employee of the department of any building, place, or vehicle

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21	JAN 2 2 2013
20	BY REQUEST
19	INTRODUCED BY
18	Ch. C.
17	on July 1, 2013.
16	SECTION 8. This Act, upon its approval, shall take effect
15	New statutory material is underscored.
14	SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed.
13	references to, those new sections in this Act.
12	numbers for the letters used in the designations of, and
11	the revisor of statutes shall substitute appropriate section
10	chapter 342E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 3 of this Act,
9	SECTION 6. In codifying the new sections added to
8	128D-,2."
7	environmental response revolving fund pursuant to [+]section[+]
6	(c) Any fine or penalty collected shall be placed in the
5	[section] subsection shall be considered a civil action.
4	court to impose or collect the penalty provided for in this
3	such a denial, obstruction, or hampering. Any action taken $\underline{\text{in}}$
2	shall be fined not more than $[\$5,000]$ $\$10,000$ for each day of
1	that the officer or employee is authorized to enter or inspect

Report Title:

Water Pollution; Fee Rules; Separate Account

Description:

Establishes a separate Water Pollution Control account within existing Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and authorizes the Director of Health to adopt through rules fees to help fund operations of the Department of Health in managing pollution from nonpoint sources and individual wastewater systems.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT:

Health

TITLE:

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER

POLLUTION.

PURPOSE:

To improve the State's ability to manage and reduce nonpoint source and individual wastewater system pollution by authorizing the Director of Health to charge fees for owners of individual wastewater systems and for nonpoint source pollution management

plan applications.

MEANS:

Add two new sections to chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and fourteen new sections to chapter 342E, HRS, and amend sections 342E-1 and 342E-4, HRS. Establish a separate water pollution control account within the water pollution control revolving

fund.

JUSTIFICATION:

Hawaii's fresh, marine, and ground waters are being harmed by nonpoint source pollution such as stormwater runoff from agriculture and other lands and individual wastewater systems such as cesspools and septic systems.

The Department of Health currently has insufficient staff and programs to address water pollution from nonpoint sources and individual wastewater systems. These funds will enable the Department to control and reduce these pollution sources by preparing generally applicable rules or guidelines, inspecting individual wastewater systems and nonpoint pollution sources, and monitoring discharges.

Impact on the public: Potential additional fees for owners of individual wastewater systems such as cesspools and septic systems and potential application fees for nonpoint source pollution management plans.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Will enable the department to better manage and reduce nonpoint source and individual wastewater system pollution. Department of Agriculture may want to coordinate with the department on soil conservation plans to prevent nonpoint source runoff. Department of Land and Natural Resources may need to control nonpoint source pollution from some State lands.

GENERAL FUND:

None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION:

HTH-840.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES:

Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Department of Budget and Finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 1, 2013.