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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB840 RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department supports this bill which involves a request to the
- 3 director of finance to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of a study, design,
- 4 engineering, and land acquisition for a wastewater treatment plant for Pahoa, Hawaii. There are
- 5 approximately 50,000 cesspools that are located on the island of Hawaii. Cesspools can
- 6 contaminate ground water, drinking water sources, streams, and oceans with disease-causing
- 7 pathogens, algae-causing nutrients and other harmful substances. The Department supports the
- 8 construction of a wastewater treatment plant in Pahoa, Hawaii as it would eventually replace
- 9 many of the existing cesspools in that area.
- 10 Furthermore, the Department defers to the Governor's Executive Budget to address the fiscal
- 11 implications that would be involved with the implementation of this bill.
- 12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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