
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the lands and waters
2 of Hawaii are unique, delicately balanced resources, and their
3 protection is vital to the economy of the State. Specifically,
4 the protection of the State's groundwater supply is a matter of
5 utmost concern. As the primary source of potable water in the
6 State, Hawaii's groundwater must be preserved in as close to
7 pristine condition as possible while accommodating the needs of
8 multiple public and private users.

9 The legislature finds that the regulation of underground
10 storage tanks and tank systems is intended to protect the
11 environment by preventing the release of petroleum and other
12 hazardous substances into the environment. The storage of
13 petroleum products and hazardous substances in underground
14 storage tank systems is a precarious undertaking, and the
15 spills, discharges, and releases of the substances that may
16 occur as a result of private and governmental actions involving
17 the storage of these products can pose serious threats to the



1 environment, people, and other interests deriving livelihood
2 from the State. These hazards have occurred in the past, and
3 future potentially catastrophic threats must be addressed and
4 mitigated.

5 The purpose of this Act is to protect the State's
6 underground drinking water sources and surrounding environment
7 by requiring the fuel tank advisory committee to meet
8 biannually.

9 SECTION 2. Section 342L-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

11 "(a) The advisory committee shall study issues related to
12 leaks of field-constructed underground fuel storage tanks at the
13 Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Kuahua Peninsula, Pacific
14 Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, Hickam Pol Annex, and
15 Schofield Barracks Military Reservation. The advisory committee
16 shall meet biannually and consider:

- 17 (1) The short- and long-term effects of leaks of the fuel
18 tanks, including effects relating to the health of
19 residents, safe drinking water, and the environment;
- 20 (2) Response strategies to mitigate the effects of leaks
21 from fuel tanks;



- 1 (3) Methods to improve communication between the United
2 States Navy, Air Force, and Army; the State; any local
3 board of water supply; and the public in the event of
4 a leak of any fuel tank;
- 5 (4) Groundwater test results in relation to the
6 surrounding areas of fuel tank facilities, with a
7 particular emphasis on the groundwater near the Red
8 Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility;
- 9 (5) The implications of shutting down any fuel tank
10 facility; and
- 11 (6) Updates on progress toward meeting goals of agreement
12 between the State, the affected county, and the
13 federal government."

14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Fuel Tank Advisory Committee; DOH

Description:

Requires the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee to meet biannually.
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