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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNDERGROUND INJECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 340E-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

3 "(e) The director shall promulgate regulations
4 establishing an underground injection control program. Such
5 program shall prohibit any underground injection which is not
6 authorized by a permit issued by the director; provided that the
7 director shall not issue permits for the construction of sewage
8 wastewater injection wells unless alternative wastewater
9 disposal options are not available, feasible, or practical;
10 provided further that the director may authorize underground
11 injection by regulation. Underground injection authorized by
12 regulation shall not endanger drinking water sources. Any
13 underground injection control program shall:

14 (1) Set standards and prohibitions controlling any
15 underground injection if such injection may result in
16 the presence of any contaminant in underground water
17 which supplies or may be expected to supply any public



1 water system, and if the presence of such contaminant
2 may result in such system's not complying with any
3 national primary drinking water regulation or may
4 otherwise adversely affect the health of persons;

5 (2) Require, in the case of a program which authorizes
6 underground injection by permit, that the applicant
7 for the permit satisfy the director that the
8 underground injection will meet the requirements of
9 paragraph (1); ~~and~~

10 (3) Include inspection, monitoring, recordkeeping, and
11 reporting requirements[-]; and

12 (4) Require, prior to issuing a new permit or permit
13 renewal, an assessment on the impact to coastal waters
14 and surrounding ecology.

15 For purposes of this subsection:

16 "Injection well" means a bored, drilled, or driven shaft,
17 or a dug hole, whose depth is greater than its widest surface
18 dimension and into which subsurface disposal of fluid or fluids
19 occurs or is meant to occur by means of injection.

20 "Sewage wastewater" means any liquid wastewater that
21 includes sewage from humans or household operations, regardless



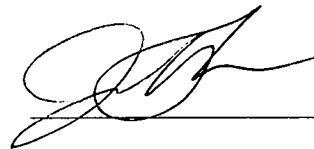
1 of whether the wastewater has been treated or whether the
2 wastewater pollutes or tends to pollute state waters."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____



Report Title:

Department of Health; Coastal Waters; Underground Injection
Control Permit

Description:

Requires the Department of Health to conduct an inquiry into the
impacts of underground injection control permits on coastal
waters and surrounding ecology.

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