STAND. COM. REP. NO. -22

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 0 8 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2195 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2195 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project to assist lowand moderate-income property owners with the costs of upgrading, converting, or connecting a cesspool.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations, and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has nearly eighty-eight thousand cesspools that release more than fifty million gallons of raw sewage into the State's groundwater and surface waters every day. While the State established a requirement for the upgrade, conversion, or connection of all cesspools in the State to more environmentally appropriate wastewater management systems or to a sewerage system by 2050, further mechanisms must be in place to

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reduce the number of cesspools in the State, including assisting low- and moderate-income families with the upgrade, conversion, or connection.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- Including lessees on Hawaiian home lands with a cesspool to be eligible for the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project;
- (2) Specifying that the Department of Health shall grant awards on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to funding availability;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2100, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2195, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2195, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection,

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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2195	Committee EE	Referral: P, C.PC,	FIN	2/03/	22
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: □ Pass, unamended (as is) □ Pass, with amendments (HD) □ Hold □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
EEP Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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3. HASHEM, Mark J.					
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4. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.					
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