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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB1806 RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSION

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Hearing Date: 2/1/2022

Room Number: 325

- 1 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (Department) supports this measure with
- 3 comments. Wastewater systems are approved by the Director of Health and not the Department.
- 4 Suggested amendment to the bill is provided below.
- 5 **Offered Amendments:** The proposed amendment to §342D-72(a)(1), "a department-approved
- 6 wastewater system;" should be revised to "a *director*-approved wastewater system;"
- 7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-1806 Submitted on: 1/29/2022 12:03:13 PM Testimony for EEP on 2/1/2022 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Henry Curtis	Life of the Land	Support	Yes

Comments:

Please pass. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 1/29/2022 1:08:53 PM Testimony for EEP on 2/1/2022 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB1806. However I would like to note that it is important for the Dept. of Health to actively investigate such disposal systems as incinerating toilets, biogas-producing toilets, composting toilets, and various new technologies and to approve those that are safe. There are certainly better ways to deal with sewage than septic tanks and poorly-maintained County-operated sewage systems.

LATE *Testimony submitted late may not be considered by the Committee for decision making purposes.

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 4:58:24 PM Testimony for EEP on 2/1/2022 9:00:00 AM

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	Lois Crozer	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

I wish this were sooner!