Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 428

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 428 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require each county to develop a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan and financial strategy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Hawai'i REALTORS, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that cesspools on the shoreline and in coastal areas will be an increasing source of pollution as ground water rises and coastal erosion accelerates. There are approximately eighty-three thousand cesspools divided into three priority levels across Hawaii and only twenty-seven years left to meet the State's mandate to convert all cesspools into a Department of Health-approved wastewater system by 2050. This measure requires that each county develop a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan and financial strategy and propose their strategies to the Legislature in order to accelerate progress towards reaching the State's goal.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 428 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

MIKE GABBARD, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)		X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)		X			
DECOITE, Lynn		X			
RHOADS, Karl		X			
AWA, Brenton					×
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes