#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii has more than
eighty thousand cesspools. These cesspools discharge
approximately fifty million gallons of wastewater into the
State's groundwater each day, causing harm to the health of
Hawaii's people and the quality of Hawaii's waters.

6 The legislature further finds that the cesspool conversion working group recently issued recommendations to facilitate the 7 statewide conversion of all cesspools. The implementation of 8 9 these recommendations will require a significant effort and a 10 commitment of additional personnel resources. This investment 11 will also help to ensure that the State complies with the mandate of Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, to upgrade, 12 13 convert, or connect all cesspools in the State by 2050. 14 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

15 (1) Create a new cesspool conversion section within the16 department of health's wastewater branch that is



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1		dedicated to facilitating the conversion of cesspools		
2		within the State; and		
3	(2)	Establish and appropriate moneys for two new full-time		
4		equivalent permanent positions within the new cesspool		
5		conversion section in fiscal year 2023-2024, and two		
6		additional full-time equivalent positions in fiscal		
7		year 2024-2025.		
8	SECT	ION 2. Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
9	amended b	y adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately		
10	designated and to read as follows:			
11	"§342D- Wastewater branch; cesspool conversion section.			
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1	(5)	Secure available federal funding that may be	used to		
2		assist in the conversion of cesspools; and			
3	(6)	Facilitate partnerships with counties, non-			
4		governmental organizations, and the private s	sector		
5		relating to the department's responsibilities	s under		
6		this section."			
7	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general				
8	revenues o	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$	or so		
9	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and				
10	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal				
11	year 2024-2025 to establish two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE)				
12	permanent positions within the cesspool conversion section.				
13	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department				
14	of health for the purposes of this Act.				
15	SECT	ION 4. There is appropriated out of the gene	ral		
16	revenues	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$	or so		
17	much there	eof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2	2025 to		
18	establish	two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) permanent	positions		
19	within the	e cesspool conversion section.			
20	The s	sum appropriated shall be expended by the depa	artment of		
21	health fo:	or the purposes of this Act.			

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- 1 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.
- SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023. 2

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#### Report Title:

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#### Description:

Creates within the Department of Health's wastewater branch a cesspool conversion section, which will be responsible for facilitating the conversion of cesspools within the State. Establishes 2.0 full-time equivalent positions within the cesspool conversion section in fiscal year 2023-2024, and 2.0 additional full-time equivalent positions within the section in fiscal year 2024-2025. Appropriates moneys.

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