

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1643

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 216

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 216 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING EACH COUNTY TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO UPGRADE OR CONVERT CESSPOOLS LOCATED WITHIN ITS RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION BY 2050,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request each county to develop a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan and financial strategy to upgrade or convert cesspools located within its respective jurisdiction by 2050.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

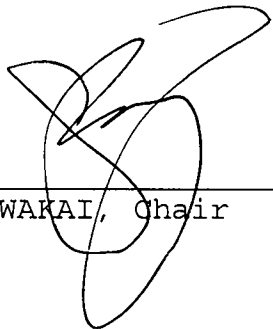
Your Committees find that Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 (Act 125), requires every cesspool in the State, excluding cesspools granted exemptions by the Director of Health, to be upgraded or converted to a director-approved wastewater system or connected to a sewerage system by January 1, 2050. However, many properties in rural areas, especially on the neighbor islands, may not be in areas where existing county infrastructure allows for easy conversion and connection to sewer systems. Your Committees further find that a massive statewide infrastructure project, such



as converting the cesspools in the State by 2050, requires proper planning and administration across various stakeholders and governmental institutions, including those of the counties. Therefore, this measure requests each county to develop a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan and financial strategy to upgrade or convert cesspools located within its respective jurisdiction by 2050.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 216 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 216	Committee Referral: AEN/PSM	Date: 3/29/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes