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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REUSE ZONES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that water is a vital  
2 natural resource used to support the residents of Hawaii. As  
3 water resources across the State are finite, alternatives,  
4 including recycled water, may provide economic benefits and  
5 protection of public health while reducing the reliance on  
6 injection wells for the disposal of wastewater effluent. The  
7 use of R-1 water, a type of recycled water, may also encourage  
8 the use of recycled water for certain activities, including  
9 construction and irrigation.

10           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require nonpotable  
11 water users or developers of real property located within  
12 certain distances from a wastewater treatment plant to use R-1  
13 water for nonpotable water usage.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately  
16 designated and to read as follows:



1           "§342D-           Reuse zones; nonpotable water; distance  
 2 required.   (a) Any nonpotable water users or developers of real  
 3 property located within           miles of a wastewater treatment  
 4 plant shall utilize R-1 water for nonpotable water usage.

5           (b) As used in this section, "R-1 water" means recycled  
 6 water that is at all times oxidized, then filtered, and finally  
 7 exposed to a disinfection process."

8           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and  
 11 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
 12 year 2024-2025 for the enforcement of R-1 water usage in areas  
 13 within           miles of wastewater treatment plants pursuant to  
 14 section 342D-           , Hawaii Revised Statutes.

15           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
 16 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

17           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so much  
 19 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the  
 20 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
 21 2024-2025 for the establishment of           full-time equivalent



1 ( FTE) positions within the commission on water resource  
2 management to enforce the provisions of section 342D- , Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
5 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Reuse Zones; Recycled Water; R-1 Water; Distance; Commission on Water Resource Management; Appropriations

**Description:**

Requires nonpotable water users and developers of real property located within a certain distance of wastewater treatment plants to use R-1 water. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050.  
(SD1)

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