

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

108

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 181

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 181 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to implement the
recommendation of the Cesspool Conversion Working Group to
accelerate the dates for required upgrades, conversions, or
connections of priority level 1 cesspools and priority level 2
cesspools by requiring:

- (1) Priority level 1 cesspools to be upgraded, converted, or
connected by 2030; and
- (2) Priority level 2 cesspools to be upgraded, converted, or
connected by 2035.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of
Health, University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program, University
of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center, County of Hawai'i
Department of Environmental Management, Environmental Caucus of
the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition,
WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations, and four individuals.

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Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committees find that the Cesspool Conversion Working Group, established by Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, was tasked to develop a long-range, comprehensive plan for conversion of cesspools statewide by 2050 and consider and recommend means by which the Department of Health can ensure that cesspools are converted to more environmentally-responsible waste treatment systems or connected to sewer systems. One of the recommendations by the working group was to stagger the upgrades of cesspools and prioritize them based on their environmental impact. Therefore, this measure accelerates the timeline for required upgrades, conversions, or connections of cesspools that cause the most pollution and represent the greatest contamination hazards in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Updating references to the cesspool hazard assessment and prioritization tool; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 181, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 181, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Water & Land,


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair


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