

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2538

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2425

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2425 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize and appropriate \$150,000 from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund to the Department of Health to retain qualified consultants as necessary to:
 - (A) Identify necessary public outreach and education resources and tools; and
 - (B) Develop a comprehensive public outreach strategy and website to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information and resources for homeowners and wastewater industry professionals related to cesspool conversion; and
- (2) Require that mandatory seller disclosures in residential real estate transactions include certain information on any cesspool on the property.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority,



University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program, UH Water Resources Research Center, one member of the Kauai County Council, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Indivisible Hawaii, Puakō for Reefs, Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo, Wastewater Alternatives and Innovations LLC, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, Climate Protectors Hawai'i, Public Access to SunScreens Coalition, and seven individuals.

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

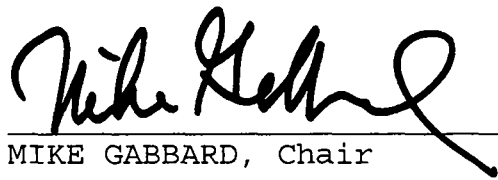
Your Committees find that to reduce water pollution, unless exempted by the Department of Health, all cesspools in the State are required to be updated or converted to another method of waste disposal or connected to a sewerage system by January 1, 2050. Your Committees recognize that the Cesspool Conversion Working Group established pursuant to Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, was convened to address the costs, terrain, and other geologic and geographic factors that complicate the upgrading or conversion of cesspools in many areas of the State. This measure facilitates the timely upgrade, conversion, and connection of cesspools in the State by adopting various recommendations of the Cesspool Conversion Working Group.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2425 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Agriculture and
Environment and Health and
Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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