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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:

11           (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, require nonpotable water  
12 users or developers of real property adjacent to or  
13 within reach of existing suitable infrastructure  
14 connected to a wastewater recycling facility that  
15 treats wastewater to R-1 water standards to use R-1  
16 water for nonpotable water usage; and



1 (2) Make an appropriation for an unspecified number of  
2 positions within the department of health to enforce  
3 R-1 water usage pursuant to this Act.

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

7 "§342D- Reuse zones; nonpotable water. (a) Beginning  
8 January 1, 2026, any nonpotable water users or developers of  
9 real property adjacent to or within reach of existing suitable  
10 infrastructure connected to a wastewater recycling facility that  
11 treats wastewater to R-1 water standards shall use R-1 water for  
12 nonpotable water usage.

13 (b) For purposes of this section, "R-1 water" means  
14 recycled water that has been oxidized, filtered, and disinfected  
15 to meet the corresponding standards set in chapter 11-62, Hawaii  
16 Administrative Rules."

17 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
18 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
19 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
20 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
21 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure



1 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
 2 \$                    or                    per cent. This current declaration takes  
 3 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
 4 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act  
 5 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
 6 ceiling are that:

7            (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
 8                    serve the public interest; and

9            (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
 10                    addressed by this Act.

11            SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
 12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
 13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
 14 the establishment of                    full-time equivalent (                    FTE)  
 15 positions within the department of health to enforce the  
 16 provisions of section 342D-                    , Hawaii Revised Statutes.

17            The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 18 health for the purposes of this Act.

19            SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

20            SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.



**Report Title:**

Department of Health; Reuse Zones; Recycled Water; R-1 Water; Positions; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriation

**Description:**

Beginning 1/1/2026, requires nonpotable water users and developers of real property adjacent to or within reach of existing suitable infrastructure connected to a wastewater recycling facility that treats wastewater to R-1 standards to use R-1 water. Establishes positions. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. Makes an appropriation. (SD1)

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