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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER QUALITY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of health shall:
- 2 (1) Require the clean water branch of its environmental
 3 management division to continue testing water quality
 4 as part of the Hawaii beach monitoring program during
 5 brown water advisories, while adhering to their
 6 regular beach sampling schedule; provided that no
 7 water sample shall be collected by clean water branch
 8 personnel until any hazardous conditions at affected
 9 beaches have subsided; and
 - (2) Adopt or amend its administrative rules in accordance with chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as necessary to implement this subsection.
- 13 (b) As used in this Act, "hazardous conditions" means an
 14 event or condition of the physical environment that:
- 15 (1) Results or may likely result in injuries or death to individuals; and
- 17 (2) May result in an emergency or disaster.

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1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

S.B. NO. 2322

Report Title:

DOH; Environmental Management Division; Clean Water Branch; Water Quality; Water Testing; Hazardous Conditions

Description:

Requires the Department of Health to require continued water testing during brown water advisories under certain circumstances.

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