
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 342D-50.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 " ~~[+]§342D-50.5[+]—Treated~~ Wastewater or raw sewage;
4 **prohibition.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the
5 contrary, no person ~~[, including any public body,]~~ or treatment
6 plant shall discharge any ~~[treated]~~ wastewater or raw sewage
7 into state waters after December 31, 2026; provided that this
8 section shall not apply to a ~~[sewage]~~ person or treatment plant
9 that ~~[:~~

10 ~~(1) Utilizes sewage to produce clean energy pursuant to~~
11 ~~section 196-10.5; and~~

12 ~~(2) Is]~~ is in compliance with this chapter, rules adopted
13 pursuant to this chapter, or a permit or variance
14 issued by the director.

15 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

16 (1) Prohibit the use of reclaimed or recycled water for a
17 beneficial purpose as provided by law; or



1 (2) Allow the discharge of [~~treated~~] wastewater or raw
2 sewage into state waters in violation of any federal
3 statute, rule, or regulation."

4 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
6 begun before its effective date.

7 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Wastewater; Raw Sewage; Treatment Plants; Discharge; Prohibition

Description:

Clarifies that the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after 12/31/2026 includes treatment plants. Repeals the exemption from the prohibition for treatment plants that utilize sewage to produce clean energy.
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