
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that failing cesspools
2 are contaminating the State's groundwater, streams, and coastal
3 ecosystems. To address this, the legislature has required all
4 cesspools to be upgraded or converted to a wastewater system
5 approved by the director of health or connected to a sewerage
6 system by 2050.

7 The legislature has recognized that the requirement to
8 upgrade or convert a cesspool imposes a financial burden on
9 low- and moderate-income families. In Act 153, Session Laws of
10 Hawaii 2022 (Act 153), the legislature established in the
11 department of health the cesspool compliance pilot grant project
12 to assist with conversion costs for low- and moderate-income
13 property owners, including lessees on Hawaiian home lands,
14 located in an area identified as priority level 1 or 2 by the
15 Hawaii cesspool prioritization tool. However, the appropriation
16 under Act 153 lapsed as of June 30, 2024.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
2 funds for the cesspool compliance pilot grant project.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the
6 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
7 2026-2027 to fund the cesspool compliance pilot grant project,
8 including the establishment of three full-time equivalent
9 (3.0 FTE) positions; provided that the appropriation may be used
10 to contract for services to administer the program.

11 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
12 of health for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
14 2050.



Report Title:

DOH Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project; Positions;
Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project. Establishes three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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