

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

884

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 749

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 749, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Cesspool Conversion Section within the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch that is dedicated to facilitating the conversion of cesspools within the State; and
- (2) Establish and appropriate funds for positions within the Cesspool Conversion Section.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; Hawai'i Ocean Legislative Task Force; Public Access to SunScreens Coalition; Coral Reef Alliance; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on



this measure from the Department of Health and Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 749, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



