

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1781

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 879  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 879, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the maximum grant amount for the cesspool compliance pilot grant project.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; Hawaii Association of REALTORS; Nature Conservancy; Windward Coalition; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Public Access to Sunscreens; Coral Reef Alliance; Surfrider Foundation Hawaii Region; Reef Guardians Hawaii - Na Kiai Apapa; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives and Innovations; and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that the costs of upgrading or converting a cesspool can pose a significant financial burden for low- and moderate-income families. The additional grant moneys made available by this measure will help the State meet its cesspool conversion mandate by assisting eligible property owners, including lessees on Hawaiian Home Lands, with these costs.

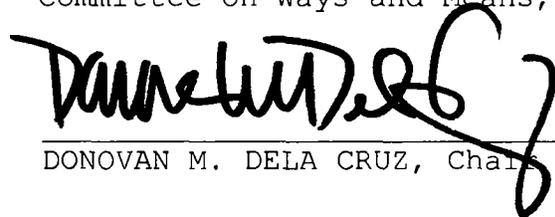


Your Committee notes that the Department of Health requests appropriations of:

- (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to fund the cesspool compliance pilot grant project; and
- (2) \$251,070 for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to establish three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) permanent positions within the Department of Health to implement the purposes of the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 879, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB879 HD1 ED1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HHS/AEN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>4/2/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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