

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1393

Honolulu, Hawaii  
, 2025

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RE: S.B. No. 329  
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 Energy & Environmental Protection, to which  
was referred S.B. No. 329 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require at least fifty percent of treatments works  
effluent to be R-1 recycled water by January 1, 2045;
- (2) Extend the date after which treated or raw sewage is  
prohibited from being discharged into state waters from  
December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2030; and
- (3) Clarify that the prohibition on the discharge of treated  
or raw sewage shall not apply to sewage treatment plants  
that produce clean energy and have primary and secondary  
outfalls.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from the Department of Environmental Management of the  
County of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources;  
Department of Health; Department of Environmental Services of the  
City and County of Honolulu; and Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition.



Your Committee finds that reusing recycled water for non-potable purposes helps conserve fresh water resources and promotes sustainable resource-management practices. This measure encourages the reuse of recycled water by setting a goal for a minimum amount of treatment works effluent to be recycled and suitable for use in recycled water systems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the percentage of treatment works effluent required to be recycled water to an unspecified percentage;
- (2) Removing the extension of the date after which the discharge of treated or raw sewage into state waters is prohibited;
- (3) Removing language narrowing the kind of sewage treatment plants that are exempt from the prohibition on the discharge of treated or raw sewage;
- (4) Adding a requirement that by January 1, 2027, the counties shall report to the Department of Health on the feasibility of recycling treatment works effluent that meets certain standards;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 329, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 329, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole E. Lowen", written over a horizontal line.

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB329		Committee Referral: EEP, FIN		Date: 3/18/25
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
6. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (6)	4			2
The recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Amy Perruso				
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