

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1249

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 14

, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 946
S.D. 2
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. 946, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the
prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into
state waters after December 31, 2026, applies to treatment plants.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health and Office of the Mayor of the
County of Maui. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition.

Your Committee finds that prohibiting practices that
discharge wastewater and raw sewage is necessary to protect
Hawaii's waters. Your Committee further finds that existing law
prohibits the discharge of any treated or raw sewage into state
waters, with certain exemptions. This measure is intended to
clarify what discharge is subject to the law and what is exempt.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Removing the exemption for treatment plants that produce clean energy;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 946, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

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

Nicole E. Lowen

NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 946, SD 2	Committee Referral: EEP, WAL, JHA	Date: 3/13/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> </div>				
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)	5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Amy Perruso				
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