

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1786

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02

, 2025

RE: S.B. No. 946
S.D. 2
H.D. 3

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, H.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:

- (1) Clarify that the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after December 31, 2026, includes treatment plants; and
- (2) Repeal the exemption from the prohibition for treatment plants that utilize sewage to produce clean energy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Mayor of the County of Maui; one member of the Maui County Council; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that in order to protect the waters of the State, it is vital to prohibit practices that discharge wastewater and raw sewage into state waters. This measure seeks to clarify that the existing prohibition on discharging any wastewater or raw sewage extends to treatment plants, which will

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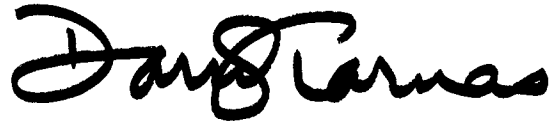


ensure a greater level of environmental protection for state waters.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, H.D. 3.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 946 SD 2 HDZ	Committee Referral: EEP, WAL, JHA	Date: 03/27/2025		
<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; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) </div>				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. TODD, Chris				✓
10. GARCIA, Diamond		✓		
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓		
TOTAL (11)	7	2	0	2
The recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) </div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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