

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

923

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

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

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 S.B. No. 946, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt treatment plants that have a capacity of less than ten million gallons per day from the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after December 31, 2026.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and Maui County Council.

Your Committee finds that the measure as received by your Committee substituted the word "wastewater" for the words "treated sewage," and so appeared to increase the scope of the prohibition on wastewater or raw sewage discharge to include aquariums, hotels, office buildings, and other facilities that are currently allowed to discharge wastewater to state waters under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. Your Committee finds that clarifying that the prohibition applies to *treatment plants* will avoid these unintended consequences.

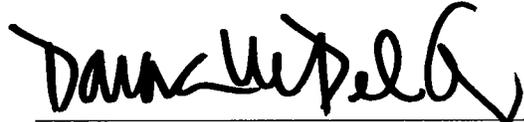
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Clarifying that the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after December 31, 2026, applies to treatment plants; and
- (2) Deleting the exemption for treatment plants that have a capacity of less than ten million gallons per day.

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 S.B. No. 946, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2.

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



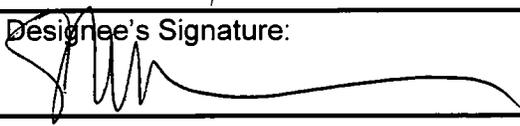
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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB946 EDI	HHS/AEN, WAM	2-26-2025		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" 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>	12	1	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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