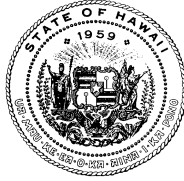


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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0946 SD2
RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.**

REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

March 13, 2025; 9:45 AM; Room Number: 325

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined.
- 2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health ("Department") supports this measure.
- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Management Division Clean Water Branch
- 4 (EMD-CWB) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.
- 5 **Offered Amendments:** The Department respectfully suggests revising SB0946 SD2 to strike out
- 6 SECTION 1, Page 1, lines 9 -10, which is the clean energy provision. This provision should be
- 7 stricken for consistency with the changes made by this committee in the companion bill
- 8 HB0798 HD1.
- 9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TO: Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Chair
Representative Amy A. Perruso, Vice Chair
Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

FROM: Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor
Shayne Agawa, Director for the Department of Environmental Management

DATE: March 12, 2025

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB946 SD2, RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure which clarifies the prohibitions against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after December 31, 2026, applies to treatment plants. We **SUPPORT** this measure and offer the following revisions:

1. We recommend removing "produces clean energy pursuant to section 196-10.5". This provision was stricken out in the house bill version HB798 HD1 which was passed out of this committee due to unclear definitions of clean energy.

Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-946-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 11:29:51 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/13/2025 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition **COMMENTS** that **the bill should be amended:**

1. to strike the existing exemption for treatment plants just because they produce undefined "clean energy pursuant to section 196-10.5." That is not a sufficient basis for exempting treatment plants from water pollution requirements.

2. to remove an exemption for treatment plants with capacity below some number of gallons per day. Small capacity is not a sufficient basis for exempting treatment plants from water pollution requirements.

Please pass this bill with the proposed amendments above.

Mahalo!

Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition (by Ted Bohlen)