
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that protecting the
2 State's nearshore waters is important for ecosystem resilience
3 and public health. Clean nearshore waters that are free of
4 pollutants support coral reef systems that are critical to
5 Hawaii's fisheries. A 2023 study published in the scientific
6 journal Nature found that coral reefs protected from land-based
7 pollutants, especially from wastewater pollutants, are better
8 able to recover from ocean-warming events.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require newly
10 installed or modified individual wastewater systems that are
11 near the shoreline to include denitrification capacity.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
14 designated and to read as follows:

15 "§342D- Individual wastewater systems; denitrification
16 capacity. (a) Each individual wastewater system that is newly
17 installed or modified shall have denitrification capacity if the



1 wastewater system is located two hundred feet or less from a
2 shoreline.

3 (b) For the purposes of this section, "denitrification
4 capacity" means being certified to meet the guidelines of the
5 National Sanitation Foundation and American National Standards
6 Institute standard 245 for on-site residential wastewater
7 treatment."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Association of Counties Package; Environment;
Individual Wastewater Systems; Nearshore Waters; Denitrification
Capacity

Description:

Requires newly installed or modified individual wastewater
systems that are near the shoreline to include denitrification
capacity. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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