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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.

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

1       SECTION 1. Section 342D-50.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       "~~[+]§342D-50.5[+]—Treated~~ Wastewater or raw sewage;

4 **prohibition.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the  
5 contrary, no person, including any public body, shall discharge  
6 any ~~[treated]~~ wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after  
7 December 31, 2026; provided that this section shall not apply to  
8 a ~~[sewage]~~ treatment plant that:

9       (1) ~~[Utilizes sewage to produce]~~ Produces clean energy  
10       pursuant to section 196-10.5; ~~[and]~~

11       (2) Is in compliance with this chapter, rules adopted  
12       pursuant to this chapter, or a permit or variance  
13       issued by the director~~[.]~~; or

14       (3) Has a treatment capacity of less than ten million  
15       gallons per day.

16       (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:



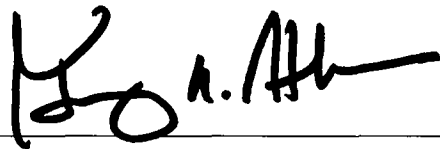
- 1 (1) Prohibit the use of reclaimed or recycled water for a  
2 beneficial purpose as provided by law; or  
3 (2) Allow the discharge of [~~treated~~] wastewater or raw  
4 sewage into state waters in violation of any federal  
5 statute, rule, or regulation."

6 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:





# S.B. NO. 946

**Report Title:**

Wastewater; Raw Sewage; Treatment; Discharge; Prohibition

**Description:**

Clarifies the exemptions to the prohibition on discharging any wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after December 31, 2026, including an exemption for treatment plants having a treatment capacity of less than 10,000,000 gallons per day.

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