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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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,]~~ or treatment  
6 plant shall discharge any ~~[treated]~~ wastewater or raw sewage  
7 into state waters after December 31, 2026; provided that this  
8 section shall not apply to a ~~[sewage]~~ person or treatment plant  
9 that~~[÷~~

10       ~~(1) Utilizes sewage to produce clean energy pursuant to~~  
11       ~~section 196-10.5; and~~

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

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

16       (1) Prohibit the use of reclaimed or recycled water for a  
17       beneficial purpose as provided by law; or



1           (2) Allow the discharge of [~~treated~~] wastewater or raw  
2           sewage into state waters in violation of any federal  
3           statute, rule, or regulation."

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

7           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8           and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Wastewater; Raw Sewage; Treatment Plants; Discharge; Prohibition

**Description:**

Clarifies that the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage into state waters after 12/31/2026 includes treatment plants. Repeals the exemption from the prohibition for treatment plants that utilize sewage to produce clean energy.  
(HD3)

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