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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER STANDARDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§342D- Municipal wastewater treatment facilities; state  
5 R-1 water standards. (a) By January 1, 2040, all wastewater  
6 effluent produced by a municipal wastewater treatment facility  
7 owned by a State or county agency shall meet state R-1 water  
8 standards.

9 (b) The department shall:

10 (1) Establish benchmarks at five-year intervals for all  
11 municipal wastewater treatment facilities owned by a  
12 State or county agency to ensure full compliance with  
13 state R-1 water standards by January 1, 2040; and  
14 (2) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate the  
15 purposes of this section.

16 (c) The legislature shall appropriate sufficient funds  
17 necessary to ensure compliance with this section.



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1 SECTION 2. Section 342D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
 2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
 3 and to read as follows:

4 ""State R-1 water standards" means the applicable effluent  
 5 water quality requirements for R-1 recycled water as established  
 6 in chapter 11-62, Hawaii Administrative Rules."

7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or so  
 9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for  
 10 the purposes of this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 12 health for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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INTRODUCED BY:   
 BY REQUEST



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**Report Title:**

DOH; Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities; State R-1 Water Standards; Appropriation

**Description:**

By 1/1/2040, requires all municipal wastewater treatment facilities owned by a State or county agency to meet state R-1 water standards. Requires the Department of Health to adopt five-year benchmarks to ensure compliance with state R-1 water standards. Requires the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds. Appropriates funds.

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