

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1618
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1618, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Cesspool Conversion Revolving Loan Fund, to be administered by the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, to provide financial assistance, including low-interest or forgivable loans, to eligible homeowners for the upgrade, conversion, or connection of cesspools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Public Utilities Commission; Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Climate Change and Health Working Group; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Hawai'i Ocean Legislative Task Force; Public Access to SunScreens Coalition; The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i and Palmyra; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; and four



individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1618, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



CHRIS TODD, Chair



