

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **815**-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1749
H.D. 2

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. 1749, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, require sellers of residential real property to provide buyers with a cesspool disclosure form before the execution of a real estate purchase contract;
- (2) Establish a fine for failure to provide the disclosure form; and
- (3) Require the Department of Health and Real Estate Commission to develop a standardized cesspool disclosure form by November 1, 2026.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Health; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center; Climate Change and Health Working Group; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; WAI: Wastewater

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Alternatives & Innovations; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; and three individuals.

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. 1749, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Todd", written over a horizontal line.

CHRIS TODD, Chair



