

THE SENATE  
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, March 23, 2026  
TIME: 1:30 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
TIMESLOT: HHS

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A G E N D A

HB 1730, HD2

(HSCR1205-26)

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RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.  
Establishes a Cesspool Conversion Implementation Working Group to assist the Department of Health in a review of the Department's administrative rules and practices regarding wastewater systems and cesspools and in the development of proposed changes to make cesspool conversions more affordable. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for positions and hiring of a consultant to assist the Cesspool Conversion Implementation Working Group. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

AEN/HHS, WAM

[HB 1985, HD1](#)  
[\(HSCR878-26\)](#)  
[Status &  
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.  
PART II: Allows certain extensions of the deadline for cesspool conversions. Establishes a goal for the Department of Health to prioritize the upgrade, conversion, or connection of cesspools that pose the highest risk to human health or the environment. PART III: Authorizes and appropriates funds to the Department of Health to retain qualified consultants as necessary to identify necessary public outreach and education resources and tools and develop a comprehensive public outreach strategy and website to educate property owners and wastewater industry professionals about information and resources regarding the State's cesspool upgrade, conversion, and connection requirements and deadlines. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

AEN/HHS, WAM

[HB 1749, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR875-26\)](#)  
[Status &  
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.  
Beginning 1/1/2027, requires sellers to provide buyers with a cesspool disclosure form before the execution of a real estate purchase contract. Requires the Department of Health and Real Estate Commission to develop a standardized cesspool disclosure form by 11/1/2026. Establishes penalties. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

AEN/HHS,  
CPN/WAM

[HB 1921, HD2](#)  
[\(HSCR1203-26\)](#)  
[Status &  
Testimony](#)

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.  
Allows an existing cesspool that lawfully serves a single dwelling or dwelling unit in a priority level 3 area to continue serving that dwelling or dwelling unit and additional bedrooms constructed on the same parcel and within the existing dwelling or dwelling unit, subject to certain conditions. Authorizes the Department of Health to adopt rules and restrict additional bedrooms where evidence demonstrates that continued cesspool use impacts water quality or human health. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

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