

A Bill for an Act Relating to Gray Water.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to authorize the implementation of a gray water recycling program that would use gray water from residential units to irrigate lawns and gardens. This measure is in response to a resolution adopted at the 1992 State Democratic Convention.

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

“§342D- Use of gray water from residential units for irrigation purposes. The department may authorize any county to implement a gray water recycling program within its jurisdiction. The gray water recycling program shall be limited to the use of gray water from residential units for the purpose of irrigating lawns and gardens.

The county seeking authorization shall submit to the department for its approval prior to implementation a detailed residential gray water recycling plan, including rules and procedures for the proposed program. The plan shall address the appropriateness of the program for the geographic area, the environmental impact of the program on the geographic area, the cost of the program, and any other factors deemed relevant by the department. The department may revoke the authorization at any time.

For the purposes of this section, “gray water” means any water from the domestic plumbing system of a residence except toilets; provided that the discharged gray water is not contaminated with any household hazardous waste as defined in section 342G-1 or any other contaminant the department deems inappropriate.”

SECTION 2.¹ New statutory material is underscored.²

SECTION 3.¹ This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 26, 1993.)

Notes

- 1. So in original.
- 2. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.