

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1469-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 28, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 258

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.R. No. 258 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO USE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THEM UNDER SECTION 342D-70, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, AND ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT STANDARDS FOR THE REUSE OF RESIDENTIAL GRAY WATER FOR SUBSURFACE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to make more efficient use of our precious fresh water by requesting the counties to use their existing authority to adopt and implement standards for the reuse of residential gray water for subsurface landscape irrigation.

The Department of Health and several individuals testified in support of this resolution.


Gray water is defined as any water from the domestic plumbing system of a residence, except toilets, that is not contaminated with any household hazardous waste. Section 342D-70, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the counties to implement a gray water recycling program in which gray water is used to irrigate lawns and gardens.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 258 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,


for HERMINA MORITA, Chair



