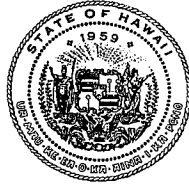


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H.B. 3151, H.D. 2 - RELATING TO ELECTRONIC PERMITTING FEES

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health

March 18, 2008
3:15 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department strongly **supports** this administration measure (HTH-11)
2 with technical amendments.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** The bill may reduce direct payments to the general fund by up to \$29,000.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department is developing electronic permitting and fee payments, and
5 seeks a level playing field for the costs of electronic permit applications. In order to increase efficiency
6 in permit processing and accountability of funds, the Department of Health is developing an electronic
7 permitting and fee payment procedure. To encourage the use of this electronic method, a procedure for
8 the deduction of processing and credit card fees needs to be established. The bill accomplishes this by
9 allowing the Department to deduct from the permit fee paid by the applicants an apportioned amount for
10 processing and credit card fees. This process will avoid adding a surcharge to the permit application
11 fees submitted and paid electronically, and spare the Department from paying the processing and credit
12 card fees from other program funds. This bill supports that concept.

13 The electronic permitting and fee payment should save considerable staff time and minimize data
14 entry errors. For example, some Department of Health environmental programs process hundreds of

1 permits or approval applications each year. Electronic permitting and payment can eliminate or
2 minimize the manual re-entry of information into computers already provided by the applicant.
3 E-permitting would also reduce the extensive accounting paperwork for processing checks.

4 Electronic application processing and credit card payments both involve fees to service
5 providers, such as the software designer for the State's web portal, and the credit card companies. For
6 individual wastewater systems where the application fee is \$100, the electronic processing fee is about
7 \$5.00 and the credit card fee is \$3.00.

8 This bill covers certain Department of Health programs as a pilot, because the financial impact is
9 quantifiable and modest. Such information has not been obtained for all state programs. The
10 departmental programs covered by the bill are environmental and operate under chapters 324D (water
11 pollution), 342H (solid waste pollution), 342J (hazardous waste), 342L (underground storage tanks),
12 340E (safe drinking water), and 340F (Hawaii law mandatory certification of operating personnel in
13 water treatment plants), Hawaii Revised Statutes. We estimate the yearly cost to the general fund, at
14 \$8.00 per application, to be about \$29,000.

15 **There are typographical errors in the latest draft of this house bill that need to be changed.**
16 **We request that in Section 2, line 11, chapters 342E and 342F be corrected to read as 340E and**
17 **340F, as was stated in the original bill. We were informed that the change to 342E and 342F in the**
18 **drafts was inadvertent. HRS 342E does not have permit fees and HRS 342F permit fees go to a**
19 **special fund, not the general fund.**

20 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Senator Russell Kokubun
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