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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS CONCERNS

HCR 353, HD1/HR290, HD1 – URGING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT
GRAY WATER RECYCLING PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION
PURPOSES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE STANDARDS.

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports this measure requesting the counties to
2 adopt and implement standards for the reuse of residential gray water for subsurface landscape
3 irrigation.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The department has rules that allow for the construction and use of gray
6 water systems for subsurface irrigation for residences with individual wastewater systems. The
7 department supports the reuse of gray water for irrigation; however, the department does not have the
8 resources to oversee dwelling units that are located in county sewered areas.

9 This resolution will encourage the counties to adopt and implement the gray water standards for
10 residential subsurface irrigation as provided under the current Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)
11 Standards. This will let residences served by county sewers the option to utilize their gray water for
12 onsite subsurface irrigation.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.