

HCR 266



April 22, 2009
Earth Day

Energy and Environment (ENE) Committee
Re., Strong Support of HCR 266 (Gray Water Recycling)
Fax# 586-6679

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair English and Honorable Members of the ENE Comm.,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this issue. My name is Stuart Coleman, and I am the Hawaiian Islands Field Coordinator of the Surfrider Foundation. We have more than 1500 dues-paying members in Hawaii and almost 60,000 across the country.

I strongly support the HCR 266 and Gray Water Recycling because the bill conserves our most precious resource in the Islands: water. With the growing shortage of water supplies, the bill gives residents a new way to recycle their gray water for their gardens and lawns. Over 70% of our sewer flows are gray water, and this is a waste. By reusing this resource, we will not only create large energy and water savings, but we will also create a huge reduction in wastewater that flows out to the sea.

The Surfrider Foundation is working with other environmental organizations and citizen's groups to conserve our natural resources and protect our waves, oceans and beaches, and we strongly support this bill.

Aloha, Stuart

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