
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SEWER SYSTEMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that sewer fees in
2 Honolulu have been drastically increased to finance the
3 maintenance of the aging sewer system. The purpose of this Act
4 is to ensure that sewer fees collected from ratepayers are used
5 to improve, repair, upgrade, and retrofit the existing sewer
6 system, and to prevent the expenditure of increased sewer fees
7 to finance new projects outside of the urban core.

8 SECTION 2. No county with a population greater than five
9 hundred thousand shall undertake any sewer system project unless
10 the existing sewer system in the census-designated place that
11 has that county's largest population density has been upgraded
12 and retrofitted to serve current and future capacity.

13 For the purposes of this Act:

14 "Census-designated place" means a concentration of
15 population identified by the United States Census Bureau for
16 statistical purposes.



1 "Sewer system" means a system of piping, with
2 appurtenances, for collecting and conveying sewage from source
3 to discharge.

4 "Sewer system project" means any project to construct a new
5 sewer system, and does not include any improvement or
6 construction project undertaken to satisfy the requirements of
7 this section.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
9 and shall be repealed on the date the governor issues a
10 proclamation that a county with a population greater than five
11 hundred thousand meets the requirements of section 2 of this
12 Act.

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Report Title:

Counties; Sewer Line Infrastructure

Description:

Temporarily prohibits counties from building any new sewer system until the existing sewer system for the area with that county's largest population density is retrofitted and upgraded to current and future capacity.

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