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**GOV. MSG. NO. 1336**

June 27, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

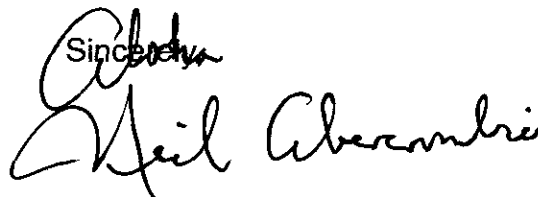
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 27, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB454 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION  
**ACT 233 (13)**

Sincerely,  


NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawaii

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. According to the waste water branch of the  
2 department of health in a report, "Guidelines for the Reuse of  
3 Gray Water", dated June 22, 2009, gray water from residences may  
4 be reused to irrigate the landscape of the property that the  
5 gray water was generated from if certain conditions are  
6 satisfied.

7 The legislature finds that the use of gray water for  
8 landscape irrigation purposes should be increased in the  
9 interests of fresh or potable water conservation.

10 The purpose of this Act is to encourage the widespread  
11 reuse of gray water to irrigate lawns and gardens.

12 SECTION 2. Section 342D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
14 and to read as follows:

15 "Gray water" means any untreated wastewater that has not  
16 come into contact with toilet waste. Gray water includes used  
17 water from bathtubs, showers, and bathroom wash basins and water  
18 from clothes washers and laundry tubs; provided that the water



1 is not contaminated with any household hazardous waste as  
2 defined in section 342G-1, hazardous waste as defined in section  
3 342J-2, or any contaminant the department deems inappropriate.  
4 Gray water excludes wastewater from food preparation sinks or  
5 dishwashers."

6 SECTION 3. Section 342D-70, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "[+]§342D-70[+] Use of gray water [~~from residential units~~]  
9 for irrigation purposes. (a) The department may authorize any  
10 county to implement a gray water recycling program within its  
11 jurisdiction. The gray water recycling program shall be limited  
12 to the use of gray water [~~from residential units~~] for the  
13 purpose of irrigating lawns and gardens. All use of gray water  
14 shall conform to the state plumbing code, chapter 3-183, Hawaii  
15 administrative rules.

16 (b) The county seeking authorization shall submit to the  
17 department for its approval prior to implementation a detailed  
18 [~~residential~~] gray water recycling plan, including rules and  
19 procedures for the proposed program. The plan shall address the  
20 appropriateness of the program for the geographic area, the  
21 environmental impact of the program on the geographic area, the  
22 cost of the program, and any other factors deemed relevant by



1 the department. The department may revoke the authorization at  
2 any time.

3 The department and the counties are encouraged to promote  
4 widespread use of gray water consistent with subsection (a) in  
5 the interests of water conservation. Any guidelines for the use  
6 of gray water for irrigation purposes shall be liberally  
7 construed so as to allow widespread use of gray water.

8 (c) For the purposes of this section, "gray water" [~~means~~  
9 ~~any water from the domestic plumbing system of a residence~~  
10 ~~except toilets; provided that the discharged gray water is not~~  
11 ~~contaminated with any household hazardous waste as defined in~~  
12 ~~section 342C-1 or any other contaminant the department deems~~  
13 ~~inappropriate.] shall have the same meaning as in section  
14 342D-1."~~

15 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 27 day of JUN, 2013



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII