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

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

14           For the purposes of this Act:

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

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9 and shall be repealed on the date the governor issues a  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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# H.B. NO. 539

**Report Title:**

Counties; Sewer Line Infrastructure

**Description:**

Temporarily prohibits certain 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 meet current and future capacity.

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