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| Measure Title: | RELATING TO COMPOSTING TOILETS. |
| Report Title: | Counties; Wastewater; Individual Systems |
| Description: | Mandates the counties to approve the installation and use of composting toilets in areas that are inaccessible to municipal wastewater systems. |
| Companion: | |
| Package: | None |
| Current Referral: | PSM/WLA, WAM |
| Introducer(s): | ENGLISH, CHUN OAKLAND, SHIMABUKURO, Baker, Dela Cruz, Espero, Galuteria, Inouye, Kim, Nishihara, Riviere |

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| Simon Russell | Hawaii Farmers Union United | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha Kakou Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the committee, Mahalo for taking time to review this important issue before you. HFUU strongly supports this measure, the agricultural district is not typically connected to any municipal waste water systems. A septic tank and permitted bathroom will usually cost around \$20,000, so it is cost prohibitive for those just starting a farm, and a real disincentive to live on your farm. One of the first things a farm needs is a sanitary way to handle human waste streams. This bill will support more farming across Hawaii's agricultural district. Mahalo for considering this measure, Simon Russell Hawaii Farmers Union United Legislative Committee Chair

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