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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A REGIONAL CESSPOOL MODERNIZATION TASK FORCE WITHIN EACH COUNTY OF THE STATE.

1	WHEREAS, Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, among other	
2	—	s, required the Department of Health to investigate and
3	report to	the Legislature on:
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5	(1)	The number, scope, and location of cesspools statewide
6		that require:
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8		(A) An upgrade or conversion to a septic system or
9		aerobic treatment unit system; or
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11		(B) Connection to a sewerage system; and
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13	(2)	The priority of upgrading, converting, or connecting
14		cesspools; and
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16		EAS, in December 2017, the Department of Health
17	submitted	its report to the Legislature; and
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19		EAS, the Department of Health's report, among other
20	findings:	
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22	(1)	Noted that Hawaii has eighty-seven thousand nine
23		hundred inventoried cesspools, which put an aggregate
24		total of approximately fifty-three million gallons of
25		raw sewage into the State's groundwater and surface
26		waters every day;
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28	(2)	Estimated that the cost of upgrading, converting, or
29		connecting each inventoried cesspool in the State
30		could cost approximately \$20,000 or more per cesspool,
31		or \$1,750,000,000 in the aggregate, with an average



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1 2 3		construction investment of \$54,700,000 per year from 2018 to 2049; and	
4 5 6 7 8	(3)	Identified fourteen areas within the State, containing an aggregate total of 42,730 cesspools, as priority areas for upgrading, converting, or connecting cesspools; and	
9 10 11 12 13 14	WHEREAS, in its report, the Department of Health noted that issues relating to cesspools are complex and involve access to municipal sewer systems, local geology, cesspool density, receiving waters, and most-appropriate treatment technology; now, therefore,		
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Twenty-nin of 2018, to regional of the State potential recommenda on cesspoo	T RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the oth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session that the Department of Health is requested to convene a cesspool modernization task force within each county of for the purpose of investigating the feasibility and impacts of the department's findings and ations in its December 2017 report to the Legislature of replacement in light of health, safety, geographic, mic considerations; and	
24 25 26 27 28 29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at a minimum, the following individuals are requested to serve and be included as members of the regional cesspool modernization task force within each county:		
 29 30 31 32 33 	(1)	One representative of the Department of Health who resides in the respective county, as appointed by the Director of Health;	
34 35 36 37	. (2)	One senator from the State Senate who resides in the respective county, as appointed by the President of the Senate;	
38 39 40 41 42	(3)	One representative from the State House of Representatives who resides in the respective county, as appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;	



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1 (4) One member of the respective county council, as 2 appointed by that county council's chair; 3 4 (5) One representative of the respective county's economic 5 development department or office, as appointed by the 6 head of that department or office; 7 8 (6) One representative of the respective county's agency 9 or department that is responsible for wastewater management, as appointed by the head of that agency or 10 department; 11 12 One representative of agricultural interests who 13 (7) resides in the respective county, as jointly appointed 14 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the 15 House of Representatives; and 16 17 One member of the community, as jointly appointed by 18 (8) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the 19 House of Representatives; and 20 21 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of each regional cesspool modernization task force are requested to elect a 23 24 chair, a vice chair, and any other necessary officers for the 25 task force from among the members of the task force; and 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each regional cesspool 27 modernization task force is requested to convene its first 28 29 meeting no later than July 1, 2018; and 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each regional cesspool 31 modernization task force is requested to submit a report of its 32 findings and recommendations to the Legislature, including any 33 proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the 34 35 convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and 36 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each regional cesspool modernization task force cease to exist on June 30, 2020; and 38 39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 40 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health; the 41 42 President of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of

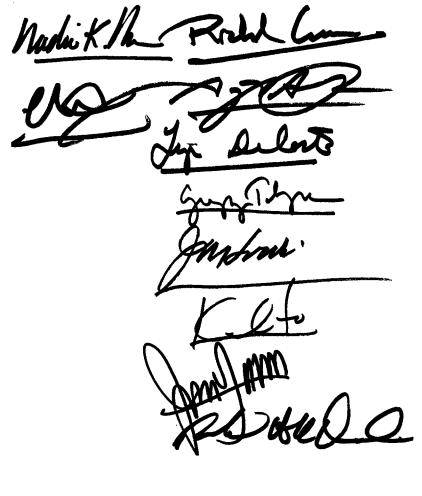


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Representatives; the chair of each county council; the Executive 1 Director of the Office of Economic Development, City and County 2 of Honolulu; the Director of the Office of Economic Development, 3 County of Maui; the Director of the Department of Research and 4 Development, County of Hawaii; the Director of the Office of 5 Economic Development, County of Kauai; the Director of the 6 Department of Environmental Services, City and County of 7 8 Honolulu; the Division Chief of the Wastewater Reclamation Division of the Department of Environmental Management, County 9 of Maui; the Division Chief of the Wastewater Division of the 10 Department of Environmental Management, County of Hawaii; and 11 the County Engineer of the Department of Public Works, County of 12 13 Kauai.

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