

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2540
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2540 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce nonpoint contamination source pollution created by cesspools by establishing the Hawaii Cesspool Remediation and Conversion Loan Program (Cesspool Remediation Program) to provide low interest loans for the upgrade or conversion of cesspools to aerobic treatment unit systems approved by the Department of Health.

The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Councilmember for District 4 of the Hawaii County Council, Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Kokua Hawaii Foundation, and three concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Health provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending eligibility for low interest loans under the Cesspool Remediation Program to owners who upgrade or convert their cesspool to a septic system, for



connection to an existing sewer system, or other wastewater treatment system approved by the Department of Health; and

- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2540, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health & Human Services.

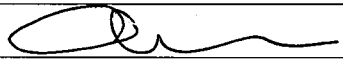
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,


CHRIS LEE, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2940	Committee Referral: EEP, HHS, FIN	Date: 2/6/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. KONG, Sam Satoru				✓
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
6. TODD, Chris	✓			
7. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
8. MCDERMOTT, Bob	✓			
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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