

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2694

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2717
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2717, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to reduce the number of cesspools on Hawaiian Home Lands.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a grant program and special fund to assist lessees on Hawaiian Home Lands with cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection costs;
- (2) Establishes that a recipient of a cesspool upgrade grant shall not be eligible for the cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys for the grant program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Department of Health; OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii; and one individual.



Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee finds that section 342D-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that every cesspool in the State, other than those exempted by the Director of Health, be either upgraded or converted to a septic system or aerobic treatment unit system or connected to a sewerage system prior to January 1, 2050. This measure is intended to provide financial assistance to lessees on Hawaiian Home Lands who might not otherwise be able to afford expensive cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection costs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Clarifying that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may adopt rules to administer the grant program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (4) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2717, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2717, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



