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SUBJECT: INCOME, Allows Dept. of Health to Certify More Large Cesspools

BILL NUMBER: HB 1802, HD-1, SD-1

INTRODUCED BY: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Amends the cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit pilot program by repealing the provision that restricts DOH from certifying more than two residential large capacity cesspools as qualified cesspools.

SYNOPSIS: Amends the cesspool credit in section 235-16.5, HRS, to allow the Department of Health to certify more than two residential large capacity cesspools as qualified.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 2045, applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

STAFF COMMENTS: The underlying provision is a tax credit for upgrading, conversion, or connecting a cesspool to a county sewer system or an individual wastewater system. The credit was enacted as a way for the government to help the public combat a public health issue, namely groundwater contamination by untreated sewage in cesspools.

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