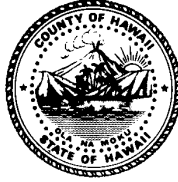


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April 4, 2018

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
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State of Hawai'i House of Representatives
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: **Comments on SB2567 SD2, HD2**
(Relating to Cesspools)

Date: April 4, 2018 (Wednesday)
Time: 2:45 p.m.

Dear Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

The County of Hawaii (COH) provides the following comments to the changes made in SB2567 SD2, HD2.

1. Section 2. (a) (10 states that a long term, comprehensive plan for cesspool conversion by 2050 is to be developed. This is supported.
2. The fifteen (15) year time for upgrade of residential cesspools within critical priority areas in Section 2 (a) (2) has had reference to the cesspools in critical areas removed. This creates a conflict between (a) and (b). Is conversion to be "ensured" in 15 years for all cesspools or is the 2050 goal retained? It is recommended that the issue be clarified.
3. It is my opinion that the growth of the Advisory group to twenty people will complicate the advisory process and make it difficult for cohesive direction/support to be provided to the consultant.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Kucharski".

William A. Kucharski, Director, Department Environmental Management, COH