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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 132, Session  
2 Laws of Hawaii 2018, established the cesspool conversion working  
3 group to develop a long-range, comprehensive plan for conversion  
4 of cesspools statewide by 2050 and commissioned a statewide  
5 study of sewage contamination in nearshore marine areas to  
6 further supplement studies and reports conducted by the  
7 department of health on cesspools. The working group convened  
8 in 2018 and has been working to meet the objectives set out in  
9 Act 132; however, the working group needs an extension on the  
10 lapse date of its funding and additional time to meet its  
11 objectives.

12           The purpose of this Act is to:

- 13           (1) Extend various reporting deadlines and the sunset date  
14           of the cesspool conversion working group; and  
15           (2) Extend the lapse date of funds appropriated previously  
16           for the comprehensive statewide study of sewage  
17           contamination in nearshore marine areas and for



1 research and technical assistance necessary for  
2 completion of the comprehensive cesspool conversion  
3 plan.

4 SECTION 2. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

6 "SECTION 6. Moneys appropriated pursuant to sections 4 and  
7 5 of this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for  
8 which the moneys have been appropriated; provided that any  
9 moneys appropriated pursuant to sections 4 and 5 of this Act  
10 that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2021, shall lapse on that  
11 date."

12 SECTION 3. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, section  
13 2, is amended as follows:

14 1. By amending subsection (e) to read:

15 "(e) The cesspool conversion working group shall submit an  
16 interim report of its progress, including any preliminary  
17 findings and recommendations, [including] and any proposed  
18 legislation, to the legislature no later than [December 31,  
19 2019,] twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
20 of 2021 and no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
21 the regular session of 2022, and shall submit a final report,



1 including findings, recommendations, and [~~any~~] proposed  
2 legislation, to the legislature no later than [~~twenty~~] sixty  
3 days prior to the convening of the regular session of [~~2021.~~]  
4 2023."

5 2. By amending subsection (g) to read:

6 "(g) The working group shall be dissolved on January 14,  
7 [~~2021.~~] 2023."

8 SECTION 4. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, section  
9 3, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) The university of Hawaii water resources research  
11 center and the department of health shall submit a report of  
12 their findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
13 legislation, to the cesspool conversion working group and the  
14 legislature no later than [~~October 1, 2019.~~] twenty days prior  
15 to the convening of the regular session of 2022."

16 SECTION 5. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, is  
17 amended by amending section 6 to read as follows:

18 "SECTION [~~6.~~] 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1,  
19 2018."



1 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2019.



**Report Title:**

DOH; UH; Cesspool Conversion Working Group; Cesspool Study; Appropriations; Extension

**Description:**

Extends various reporting deadlines and the sunset date of the cesspool conversion working group established pursuant to Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018. Extends the lapse date on appropriations for the comprehensive statewide study of sewage contamination in nearshore marine areas and for research and technical assistance necessary for completion of the comprehensive cesspool conversion plan. (HB551 CD1)

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