
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 diligently working to meet the objectives
9 set out in Act 132; however, the working group needs additional
10 time and resources to complete its work.

11 The purpose of this Act is to:

- 12 (1) Extend various reporting deadlines and the sunset date
13 of the cesspool conversion working group; and
14 (2) Appropriate additional funds for the conduct of the
15 comprehensive statewide study of sewage contamination
16 in nearshore marine areas and for research and



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

3 SECTION 2. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, section
4 2, is amended as follows:

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

6 "(e) The cesspool conversion working group shall submit an
7 interim report of its preliminary findings and recommendations,
8 including proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
9 December 31, [~~2019~~] 2021, and shall submit a final report,
10 including findings, recommendations, and any proposed
11 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
12 to the convening of the regular session of [~~2021~~] 2023."

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

14 "(g) The working group shall be dissolved on January 14,
15 [~~2021~~] 2023."

16 SECTION 3. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, section
17 3, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

18 "(b) The university of Hawaii water resources research
19 center and the department of health shall submit a report of
20 their findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the cesspool conversion working group and the
2 legislature no later than October 1, [~~2019-~~] 2021."

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$500,000 or so much
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
6 university of Hawaii water resources research center, in
7 cooperation and consultation with the department of health, to
8 conduct a comprehensive statewide study of sewage contamination
9 in nearshore marine areas.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of
11 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000 or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
15 department of health to conduct research or gather technical
16 assistance on other issues as identified by the cesspool
17 conversion working group in completing its comprehensive
18 cesspool conversion plan.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
20 health for the purposes of this Act.



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 September 30,
4 2019; provided that sections 4 and 5 shall take effect on
5 July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Department of Health; University of Hawaii; Cesspool Conversion Working Group Extension; Cesspool Study; Appropriation

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. Appropriates additional funds for the conduct of 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. (SD1)

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