

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1170
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and fund a new waste management solution pilot project to demonstrate new toilet and sewage treatment technologies and to expedite demonstration projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management, Surfrider Foundation Hawaii Chapter, Surfrider Foundation Kaua'i Chapter, Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that non-point source discharge from cesspools is a serious threat to the State's water quality. The State has about 88,000 cesspools, which makes it the state with the highest number of cesspools in the country. These substandard wastewater systems leach an estimated 53 million gallons per day of untreated human waste, harmful pathogens, and nutrient loads into nearby waters. Cesspools' effluent can contaminate drinking water, streams, and oceans with disease-causing pathogens, algae-causing nutrients, and other harmful substances.



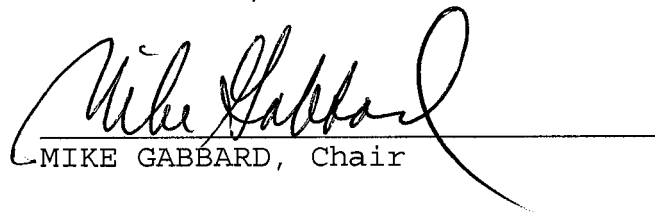
Your Committee further finds that determining the appropriate replacements for the numerous cesspools currently in use in the State requires study and reliable local alternatives. Your Committee finds that this measure would support necessary real world testing of proposed solutions to the cesspool closure process, such as demonstrating new toilet and sewage treatment technologies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective on July 1, 2019; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

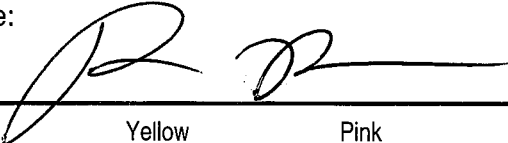
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1170, HD2	AEN, WAM	03.13.2019		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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