
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the lands and waters
2 of Hawaii are unique, delicately balanced resources, and their
3 protection is vital to the economy of the State. Specifically,
4 the protection of the State's groundwater supply is a matter of
5 utmost concern. As the primary source of potable water in the
6 State, Hawaii's groundwater must be preserved in as close to
7 pristine condition as possible while accommodating the needs of
8 multiple public and private users.

9 The legislature finds that the regulation of underground
10 storage tanks and tank systems is intended to protect the
11 environment by preventing the release of petroleum and other
12 hazardous substances into the environment. The storage of
13 petroleum products and hazardous substances in underground
14 storage tank systems is a precarious undertaking, and the
15 spills, discharges, and releases of the substances that may
16 occur as a result of private and governmental actions involving



1 the storage of these products can pose serious threats to the
2 environment, people, and other interests deriving livelihood
3 from the State. These hazards have occurred in the past, and
4 future potentially catastrophic threats must be addressed and
5 mitigated.

6 The purpose of this part is to protect the State's
7 underground drinking water sources and surrounding environment
8 by requiring the administrative rules adopted by the department
9 of health relating to underground storage tanks and tank systems
10 to conform with, and be no less stringent than, federal
11 regulations governing underground storage tank systems.

12 SECTION 2. Section 342L-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "**§342L-62 Duties.** (a) The advisory committee shall study
15 issues related to leaks of field-construction underground fuel
16 storage tanks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, Kuahua
17 Peninsula, Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands, Hickam
18 Pol Annex, and Schofield Barracks Military Reservation. The
19 advisory committee shall meet bi-annually and consider:



- 1 (1) The short- and long-term effects of leaks of the fuel
2 tanks, including efforts relating to the health of
3 residents, safe drinking water, and the environment;
- 4 (2) Response strategies to mitigate the effects of leaks
5 from fuel tanks;
- 6 (3) Methods to improve communication between the United
7 States Navy, Air Force, and Army; the State; any local
8 board of water supply; and the public in the event of
9 a leak of any fuel tank;
- 10 (4) Groundwater test results in relation to the
11 surrounding areas of fuel tank facilities, with a
12 particular emphasis on the groundwater near the Red
13 Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility;
- 14 (5) The implications of shutting down any fuel tank
15 facility;
- 16 (6) Updates on progress toward meeting goals of agreement
17 between the State, the affected county, and the
18 federal government.
- 19 (b) No later than twenty days before the convening of each
20 regular session, the advisory committee shall submit a
21 report of its findings, including groundwater test



1 results, and recommendations, including any proposed
2 legislation to the legislature.

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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H.D.1
PROPOSED

Report Title:

Relating to the advisory committee pursuant to HRS Sec. 342L-62;
Duties.

Description:

Requires the advisory committee to meet bi-annually.

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