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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that water is a vital  
2 resource for the people of Hawai'i. Water catchment systems  
3 captures and stores rainwater from a roof for human consumption.  
4 Currently, only residential users of rain catchment systems are  
5 permitted to utilize water for everyday needs. Manufacturers  
6 are not permitted to use water collected through a catchment  
7 system to produce products for public consumption.

8       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require the  
9 department of health to regulate water catchment systems used  
10 for business activities and establish standards for filtration  
11 that would allow such water to be used for the manufacture or  
12 production of goods.

13       SECTION 2. Chapter 340E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
14 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
15 and to read as follows:

16       "§340E-       Water catchment systems; business activities.

17       (a) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to



1 regulate water catchment systems, including filtration quality  
2 of water catchment systems, used for business activities.

3 (b) The department shall allow business owners to  
4 participate in the department's annual testing of water program  
5 established under section 340E-4.8; provided that:

6 (1) The participating business owner shall pay \$  
7 for the tests and the department shall cover the  
8 remainder of the testing cost;

9 (2) The business owner shall utilize a certified private  
10 analytical laboratory specified by the department or  
11 the department may conduct the tests; and

12 (2) One set of tests a year for each registered business  
13 utilizing filtered water produced from a water  
14 catchment system may be requested.

15 (c) The department shall establish a nonregulatory program  
16 that provides technical assistance to business owners who wish  
17 to utilize filtered water from a water catchment system. To the  
18 extent practicable, the department shall assist the business  
19 owner by recommending practical, affordable, and safe methods to  
20 improve water quality and filtration based on the specific  
21 design and conditions of the water system."



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Water Catchment; Filtration; Department of Health; Small Businesses

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Health to regulate water catchment systems and provide testing to businesses who utilize water catchment systems. Requires the department to provide technical assistance on water catchment systems and filtration to business owners who utilize captured water for business activities.

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