
A BILL FOR AN ACT

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 Hawaii. Water catchment systems
3 capture and store 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 water from catchment systems to be used for the
12 manufacture or 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 Rules adopted by the department under this section shall comply
4 with the state plumbing code, including appendix K of the state
5 plumbing code, and chapter 448E.

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

9 (1) The participating business owner shall pay \$
10 for the tests and the department shall cover the
11 remainder of the testing cost;

12 (2) The business owner shall utilize a certified private
13 analytical laboratory specified by the department or
14 the department may conduct the tests; and

15 (3) One set of tests a year for each registered business
16 utilizing filtered water produced from a water
17 catchment system may be requested.

18 (c) The department shall establish a nonregulatory program
19 that provides technical assistance to business owners who wish
20 to utilize filtered water from a water catchment system. To the
21 extent practicable, the department shall assist the business



1 owner by recommending practical, affordable, and safe methods to
2 improve water quality and filtration based on the specific
3 design and conditions of the water system."

4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Water Catchment; Filtration; DOH; Small Businesses

Description:

Requires the Department of Health to regulate water catchment systems used for business activity and provide testing to businesses that utilize water catchment systems; provided the regulations comply with the Hawaii state plumbing code, including appendix K of the state plumbing code, and Chapter 448E, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Requires the department to provide technical assistance on water catchment systems and filtration to business owners who wish to utilize captured water for business activities. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD2)

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