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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REUSE ZONES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that water is a vital  
2 natural resource used to support the residents of Hawaii. As  
3 water resources across the State are finite, alternatives,  
4 including recycled water, may provide economic benefits and  
5 protection of public health while reducing the reliance on  
6 injection wells for the disposal of wastewater effluent. The  
7 use of R-1 water, a type of recycled water, may also encourage  
8 the use of recycled water for certain activities, including  
9 construction and irrigation.

10           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require nonpotable  
11 water users or developers of real property located within  
12 certain distances of a wastewater treatment plant to use R-1  
13 water for nonpotable water usage.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to part IV to be appropriately  
16 designated and to read as follows:



1           "§342D- Reuse zones; nonpotable water; distance  
2 required. (a) Any nonpotable water users or developers of real  
3 property located within           miles of a wastewater treatment  
4 plant shall utilize R-1 water for nonpotable water usage.

5           (b) For purposes of this section, "R-1 water" means  
6 recycled water that is at all times oxidized, then filtered, and  
7 finally exposed to a disinfection process."

8           SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
9 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
11 appropriations contained in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023,  
12 and this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure  
13 ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
14 \$           or           per cent. This current declaration takes  
15 into account general fund appropriations authorized for fiscal  
16 year 2024-2025 in Act 164, Regular Session of 2023, and this Act  
17 only. The reasons for exceeding the general fund expenditure  
18 ceiling are that:

19           (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
20           serve the public interest; and

1           (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
2                   addressed by this Act.

3           SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
6 the enforcement of R-1 water usage in areas within           miles of  
7 wastewater treatment plants pursuant to section 342D-   , Hawaii  
8 Revised Statutes.

9           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
10 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

11          SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                   or so  
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
14 the establishment of           full-time equivalent (       FTE)  
15 positions within the commission on water resource management to  
16 enforce the provisions of section 342D-   , Hawaii Revised  
17 Statutes.

18          The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
19 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

20          SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.



# S.B. NO. 2147

1 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:





# S.B. NO. 2147

**Report Title:**

Department of Land and Natural Resources; Commission on Water Resource Management; Reuse Zones; Recycled Water; R-1 Water; Distance; Expenditure Ceiling; Appropriations

**Description:**

Requires nonpotable water users and developers of real property located within a certain distance of wastewater treatment plants to use R-1 water. Makes appropriations.

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