
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established a three-year new
2 wastewater system demonstration and implementation pilot program
3 within the university of Hawaii sea grant college, in
4 coordination with the university of Hawaii water resources
5 research center.

6 (b) The pilot program shall:

7 (1) Examine and demonstrate new wastewater technology
8 systems, ranging from individual toilets to
9 significantly larger multi-unit systems and options,
10 including decentralized wastewater treatment systems
11 for community scale solutions as appropriate, as well
12 as review and evaluate the affordability, feasibility,
13 and efficiency of the treatment technologies, with an
14 emphasis, as appropriate, on reducing nitrogen waste
15 that harms coral reefs;



- 1 (2) Administer no less than four wastewater system
2 demonstration projects implementing new sewage
3 treatment and toilet technologies; provided that:
4 (A) Each project shall include one cesspool or
5 multiple cesspools in an area designated as
6 priority level one by the cesspool conversion
7 working group's Hawaii cesspool hazard assessment
8 and prioritization tool report; and
9 (B) There shall be no less than one project in each
10 county; and
11 (3) Document, validate, and summarize the various tests,
12 research, and outcomes of each wastewater system
13 demonstration or implementation project.
14 (c) The university of Hawaii sea grant college shall
15 submit an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty
16 days prior to the convening of each regular session for the
17 duration of the pilot program. Each report shall include:
18 (1) Information on the new wastewater technology systems
19 reviewed and implemented;
20 (2) The number of cesspools converted pursuant to the
21 pilot program;



- 1 (3) The costs incurred to convert each cesspool;
- 2 (4) Recommendations on how to improve the efficiency of
- 3 the pilot program;
- 4 (5) Comments on whether the pilot program should be made
- 5 permanent; and
- 6 (6) Any other recommendations the university of Hawaii sea
- 7 grant college finds appropriate.
- 8 (d) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,
- 9 2027.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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Report Title:

University of Hawaii; Cesspools; Wastewater System and
Demonstration Pilot Program

Description:

Establishes a three-year new wastewater system demonstration and
implementation pilot program within the University of Hawaii Sea
Grant College.

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