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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CESSPOOLS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that cesspools are  
2     contaminating the State's ground water, streams, drinking water,  
3     and coastal ecosystems. Maintaining the cleanliness of the  
4     State's waters is a matter of statewide concern.

5           The purpose of this Act is to establish a three-year new  
6     wastewater system demonstration and implementation pilot program  
7     within the university of Hawaii sea grant college program.

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

13          (b) The pilot program shall:

14          (1) Examine and demonstrate new wastewater technology  
15                systems, ranging from individual toilets to  
16                significantly larger multi-unit systems and options,  
17                including decentralized wastewater treatment systems



1 for community-scale solutions as appropriate; and  
2 review and evaluate the affordability, feasibility,  
3 and efficiency of the treatment technologies, with an  
4 emphasis, as appropriate, on reducing nitrogen waste  
5 that harms coral reefs;

6 (2) Administer no less than four wastewater system  
7 demonstration projects implementing new sewage  
8 treatment and toilet technologies; provided that:

9 (A) Each project shall include one cesspool or  
10 multiple cesspools in an area designated as  
11 priority level one by the cesspool conversion  
12 working group's Hawaii cesspool hazard assessment  
13 and prioritization tool report; and

14 (B) There shall be no less than one project in each  
15 county; and

16 (3) Document, validate, and summarize the various tests,  
17 research, and outcomes of each wastewater system  
18 demonstration or implementation project.

19 (c) The university of Hawaii sea grant college program  
20 shall submit an annual report to the legislature no later than



1 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session for  
2 the duration of the pilot program. Each report shall include:

3 (1) Information on the new wastewater technology systems  
4 reviewed and implemented;

5 (2) The number of cesspools converted pursuant to the  
6 pilot program;

7 (3) The costs incurred to convert each cesspool;

8 (4) Recommendations on how to improve the efficiency of  
9 the pilot program;

10 (5) Comments on whether the pilot program should be made  
11 permanent; and

12 (6) Any other recommendations the university of Hawaii sea  
13 grant college program finds appropriate.

14 (d) The pilot program shall cease to exist on June 30,  
15 2027.

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for  
19 the new wastewater system demonstration and implementation pilot  
20 program.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the university of  
2 Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of  
4 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,  
5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the  
6 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state  
7 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be  
8 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the  
9 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund  
10 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further  
11 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total  
12 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these  
13 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling  
14 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by  
15 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the  
16 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 17 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to  
18 serve the public interest; and
- 19 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs  
20 addressed by this Act.



**1** SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



**Report Title:**

University of Hawaii; Cesspools; Wastewater System and  
Demonstration Pilot Program; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

**Description:**

Establishes a three-year new wastewater system demonstration and  
implementation pilot program within the University of Hawaii Sea  
Grant College Program. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000.  
(HD2)

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