

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

596

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 798  
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B.  
No. 798, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the exemptions to  
the prohibition on discharging any wastewater or raw sewage into  
state waters after December 31, 2026, by:

- (1) Removing the exemption for treatment plants that produce  
clean energy; and
- (2) Exempting treatment plants with a treatment capacity  
under a certain amount.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health; Hawaii Housing Finance and  
Development Corporation; and Office of the Mayor of the County of  
Maui.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow the County  
of Maui to move forward with its plans for the Waikapu Wastewater  
Treatment Plan and allow for the development of affordable  
housing.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the prohibition against discharging wastewater or raw sewage applies strictly to treatment plants, not any person, including a public body.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 798, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 798, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 798 HD1</b>		Committee Referral: <b>EBP, WAL, JHA</b>		Date: <b>2-11-2028</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
WAL Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)		✓			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au			✓		
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda		✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco				✓	
6. MORIKAWA, Dee		✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina		✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.		✓			
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.				✓	
10. SOUZA, Kanani			✓		
TOTAL (10)		4	2	2	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center;">committee acronym(s)</div>					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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