

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 969  
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 969 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTE OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the construction,  
modification, or expansion of any waste or disposal facility on  
land that is near or above a significant aquifer, as determined by  
the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Environmental Caucus of  
the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; North Shore Chamber of Commerce;  
Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; IATSE Local 665;  
Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i  
Farmers Union; Kupuna for the Moopuna; Green Party of Hawai'i; Ka  
Lahui Hawai'i; Free Access Coalition; International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers Local 1260; and numerous individuals. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
the County of Kaua'i Department of Public Works. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from the Department of Health  
and Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of  
Honolulu.

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Your Committee finds that the State's aquifers are essential to public health and safety. Aquifers provide source water for domestic uses, agricultural irrigation, industrial uses, cultural practices, and environmental habitats through springs and wetlands. This measure strives to protect the State's aquifers by preventing possible environmental contamination through landfills and other waste or disposal facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 969, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 969, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 969</b>		Committee Referral: <b>EEP, WAL, JHA</b>		Date: <b>1/30/25</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)					
EEP Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)		✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)		✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin		✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias		✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean		✓			
6. WARD, Gene					✓
TOTAL (6)		5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Amy Perruso</i></u>					
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