

JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
GOVERNOR  
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO 1326

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 25, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 25, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 735, H.D. 2,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO WASTEWATER.  
**ACT 224**

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D.".

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 25 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 224**  
**H.B. NO.** 735  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WASTEWATER.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that existing  
2 administrative rules allow an individual wastewater system to  
3 serve no more than five bedrooms, whether the five bedrooms are  
4 in one dwelling unit or two dwelling units. However, the  
5 definition of a dwelling unit under chapter 62, Hawaii  
6 Administrative Rules, does not clearly consider the varied types  
7 of development, such as dwelling units that may have exterior  
8 bedrooms without a kitchen or guest houses with a bathroom but  
9 without a kitchen. Certain dwelling units may be prohibited  
10 from using an individual wastewater system solely because the  
11 bedrooms are outside the dwelling unit.

12       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to allow an  
13 individual wastewater system to serve up to five bedrooms,  
14 regardless of the number of dwellings, dwelling units, or  
15 accessory units, whether the dwellings, dwelling units, or  
16 accessory units are attached or detached, with certain  
17 exclusions.



1       SECTION 2. Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4       "§342D-       Individual wastewater system; dwelling units.

5 An individual wastewater system may serve up to five bedrooms,  
6 regardless of the number of:

7       (1) Dwellings or dwelling units; or

8       (2) Accessory units as defined by the counties,

9 whether the dwellings, dwelling units, or accessory units are  
10 attached or detached; provided that this section shall not apply  
11 to any new requests to connect additional dwelling units to an  
12 existing cesspool."

13       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 735  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 25th day of June , 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 735, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

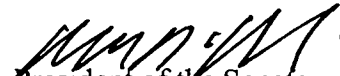


Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate