

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 14**, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1404  
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and  
Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1404 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOL CLOSURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to create  
residential sewer connection and cesspool closure subsidy pilot  
programs to assist with sewer projects nearing implementation in  
Ewa Beach, Oahu and Keaukaha, Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Department of Land and  
Natural Resources; Department of Health; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean  
Coalition; and three individuals.

Your Committees find that every cesspool in the State,  
excluding those granted certain exemptions, must be upgraded or  
converted to a Director of Health-approved wastewater system or  
connected to a sewerage system by January 1, 2050. Your  
Committees further find that in some areas that currently have  
cesspools, counties are planning to install new wastewater  
infrastructure to connect homes to county sewers. Your Committees  
believe that the State should support these initiatives and offer  
a subsidy to homeowners for their portion of the sewer lateral  
connections to help offset costs. This measure addresses this

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need by appropriating funds to create residential sewer connection and cesspool closure subsidy pilot programs to assist with sewer projects nearing implementation.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations to an unspecified amount and deleting the appropriations for fiscal year 2026-2027;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriation amounts of:

- (1) \$12,000,000 for the City and County of Honolulu to establish a Residential Sewer Connection and Cesspool Closure Subsidy Pilot Program; and
- (2) \$6,000,000 for the County of Hawaii to establish a Residential Sewer Connection and Cesspool Closure Subsidy Pilot Program.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1404, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1404, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Energy &  
Environmental Protection and  
Water & Land,

  
MARK J. HASHEM, Chair

  
NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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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>Amy Perruso</u>					
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WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
7. POEPOE, Mahina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
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