

ACT 170

H.B. NO. 551

A Bill for an Act Relating to Cesspools.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, established the cesspool conversion working group to develop a long-range, comprehensive plan for conversion of cesspools statewide by 2050 and commissioned a statewide study of sewage contamination in nearshore marine areas to further supplement studies and reports conducted by the department of health on cesspools. The working group convened in 2018 and has been working to meet the objectives set out in Act 132; however, the working group needs an extension on the lapse date of its funding and additional time to meet its objectives.

The purpose of this Act is to:

- (1) Extend various reporting deadlines and the sunset date of the cesspool conversion working group; and
- (2) Extend the lapse date of funds appropriated previously for the comprehensive statewide study of sewage contamination in nearshore marine areas and for research and technical assistance necessary for completion of the comprehensive cesspool conversion plan.

SECTION 2. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

“SECTION 6. Moneys appropriated pursuant to sections 4 and 5 of this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for which the moneys have been appropriated; provided that any moneys appropriated pursuant to sections 4 and 5 of this Act that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2021, shall lapse on that date.”

SECTION 3. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, section 2, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (e) to read:

“(e) The cesspool conversion working group shall submit an interim report of its progress, including any preliminary findings and recommendations, [including] and any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than [December 31, 2019,] twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2021 and no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2022, and shall submit a final report, including findings, recommendations, and [any] proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than [twenty] sixty days prior to the convening of the regular session of [2021-] 2023.”

2. By amending subsection (g) to read:

“(g) The working group shall be dissolved on January 14, [2021-] 2023.”

SECTION 4. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, section 3, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The university of Hawaii water resources research center and the department of health shall submit a report of their findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the cesspool conversion working group and the legislature no later than ~~[October 1, 2019;]~~ twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2022.”

SECTION 5. Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, is amended by amending section 6 to read as follows:

“SECTION ~~[6.]~~ 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.”

SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2019.

(Approved June 27, 2019.)