

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

530

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 20, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1140  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 1140 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's environment by establishing a cesspool conversion tax credit for owners of cesspools who convert a cesspool into a septic system or an aerobic treatment unit system or who connect a cesspool to a sewer system.

A member of the Hawaii County Council, the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, the Hawaii Farm Bureau, and a concerned individual supported the measure. The Department of Health, Department of Taxation, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by merging provisions from H.B. No. 153, a similar measure that was heard by your Committee. As amended, this measure offers financial assistance to cesspool owners by establishing a cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit for an unspecified amount for cesspool owners who:

- (1) Upgrade or convert a cesspool into a septic system or an aerobic treatment unit system; or
- (2) Connect a cesspool to a sewer system.

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In addition, your Committee amended this measure to repeal the tax credit on December 31, 2020.

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. 1140, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1140, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1140</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/10/15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" 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. LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. ING, Kaniela	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Nicole E. Lowen</i></u>				
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