

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2540
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health & Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce nonpoint contamination source pollution created by cesspools by establishing the Hawaii Cesspool Remediation and Conversion Loan Program (Cesspool Remediation Program) to provide low interest loans for the upgrade or conversion of cesspools to septic systems or aerobic treatment unit systems or for connection of cesspools to existing sewer systems or other wastewater system as approved by the Department of Health.

The Department of Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Management of the County of Hawaii, Coral Reef Alliance, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and many concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Health provided comments.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Health to provide low interest loans through the Cesspool Remediation Program; and
- (2) 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 Health & Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2540, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health & Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



