A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that action is needed to protect Hawaii's groundwater from contamination. Large capacity underground storage tank systems pose a threat to the potability of the State's groundwater.

The purpose of this Act is to protect state aquifers by prohibiting the operation of large-capacity underground storage tank systems mauka of the underground injection control line, beginning January 1, 2028.

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

"§342L- Underground storage tank system; underground injection control line; prohibition. Beginning January 1, 2028, no person shall operate an underground storage tank system that has a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, mauka of the underground injection control line.

For purposes of this section:
"Underground injection control line" means the underground injection control line represented by a dashed line on the department of health underground injection control program maps, made effective July 6, 1984, and identified as follows:

(1) For the island of Hawaii, quadrangles H-1 to H-74;
(2) For the island of Kauai, quadrangles K-1 to K-11;
(3) For the island of Lanai, quadrangles L-North and L-South;
(4) For the island of Maui, quadrangles M-1 to M-17;
(5) For the island of Molokai, quadrangles M-East and M-West; and
(6) For the island of Oahu, quadrangles O-1 to O-15.

"Underground injection control program" means the program established pursuant to section 340E-2.

"Underground source of drinking water" means an aquifer or its portion that:

(1) Supplies any public or private drinking water system or contains a sufficient quantity of ground water to supply a public water system; and

(A) Currently supplies drinking water for human consumption; or
(B) Contains fewer than ten thousand milligrams per liter total dissolved solids; and

(2) Is not an exempted aquifer."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Underground Storage Tank System; Large Capacity Tanks; Safe Drinking Water; Underground Injection Control Line

Description:
Prohibits, beginning 1/1/2028, a person to operate an underground storage system with a capacity of 100,000 gallons or more, mauka of the underground injection control line. (SD1)

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