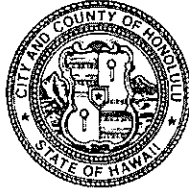


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February 26, 2015

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
and Members of the Committee on
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Health
State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Espero, Chair Green, and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 878, SD1, Relating to Wastewater

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Environmental Services, opposes Senate Bill (SB) 878, SD1, Relating to Wastewater, which would require a county to authorize the installation and use of composting toilets in areas that are inaccessible to municipal wastewater systems.

We object to the inclusion of Section 27-2.16(5)(b) which would transfer the responsibility of permitting such toilets from the State of Hawaii, Department of Health (DOH), to the individual counties. A composting toilet is another form of an individual wastewater treatment system and should be permitted and overseen by the DOH like all other forms of individual wastewater treatment systems.

The Department of Environmental Services respectfully recommends that SB 878, SD1 not be moved forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori M.K. Kahikina", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lori M.K. Kahikina, P.E.
Director