

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 97

H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 97, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ASSURE THAT ANY SUBSTANTIAL LAND DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER, OCCURRING BY INJECTION WELL OR OTHER MEANS, IS IN ALL CASES, ADEQUATELY REVIEWED AND PERMITTED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Department of Health:

- (1) Assure that any substantial land discharge of domestic wastewater, occurring by injection well or other means, is adequately reviewed and permitted; and
- (2) Adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include seepage ponds and seepage pits in the review and permit process, or to consider prohibiting seepage ponds and seepage pits altogether.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter.

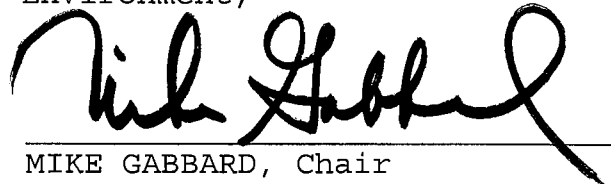
Your Committee finds that the Department of Health administers the underground injection control program to regulate the disposal of wastewater. However, current wastewater treatment plant methods of wastewater disposal are not limited to underground injection wells. Some wastewater treatment plants use



different discharge methods, including seepage ponds, land discharge, and seepage pits, that result in plumes of unpermitted and unregulated wastewater being discharged into the environment. Assuring that any substantial land discharge of domestic wastewater, occurring by injection well or other means, is adequately reviewed and permitted will better protect nearshore waters and the environment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 97, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Health.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HCR 97, HD1</i> | Committee Referral: <i>ENE, HTH</i> | Date: <i>April 16, 2015</i> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ | | | | |
| The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 | | | | |
| Members | Aye | Aye (WR) | Nay | Excused |
| GABBARD, Mike (C) | ✓ | | | |
| GREEN, Josh (VC) | | | | ✓ |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood | ✓ | | | |
| IHARA, Jr., Les | ✓ | | | |
| SLOM, Sam | ✓ | | | |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> | | | | |
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