

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

669

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2023

RE: S.B. No. 428
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 428 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate the attainment of the State's goal to upgrade or convert all cesspools in the State by 2050.

Specifically, this measure requires each county to:

- (1) Develop a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan and financial strategy specific to the county; and
- (2) Submit the plan and financial strategy to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Department of Environmental Management of the County of Hawaii, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawai'i REALTORS, Ulupono Initiative, and three individuals.



Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that many cesspools in rural areas, particularly on the neighbor islands, may not be located where existing county infrastructure will allow for easy conversion and connection to a sewer system. Accordingly, your Committee finds that identifying required infrastructure improvements across all counties is a crucial step required for the eventual elimination of all cesspools in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 428, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 428, S.D. 1.

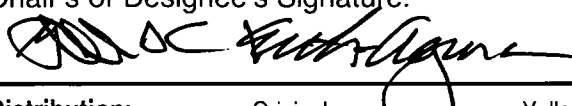
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 428	Committee Referral: AEN, WAM	Date: 2/22/23		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes