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Legislative Testimony

Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

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SB 428 SD1 HD1 – RELATING TO CESSPOOLS

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program (Hawai'i Sea Grant) and UH Water Resources Research Center **support** SB 428 SD1 HD1.

This bill would require each county to submit to the Legislature a comprehensive integrated wastewater management plan report that addresses and identifies the county's wastewater management needs, including financial needs. Each plan would compel the counties to assess the infrastructure needs of each region and the appropriate wastewater management systems based on local conditions. This step would promote improvement and standardization of wastewater management and would help the state meet its mandate to protect environmental resources and human health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.