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Legislative Testimony

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SB 428 SD1– RELATING TO CESSPOOLS

Chairs Lowen and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Cochran and Poepoe, and Members of the Committees:

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

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. 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.