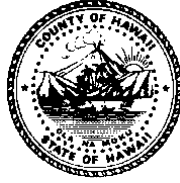


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March 21, 2024

Mitch Roth, Mayor
Ramzi Mansour, Director of Environmental Management
Hawaii County Council Members

Re: Support for House Bill No. 1892 HD2 SD1, relating to cesspools.

Mayor Roth, Director Mansour and Hawaii County Council Members,

The Environmental Management Commission (EMC) of the County of Hawai'i on February 28, 2024, adopted a motion to recommend to you our support for legislation that would accelerate cesspool conversion deadlines for certain cesspools in high priority areas.

Pursuant to this motion and as permitted by HRS 92-2.5(h), EMC sends this letter in support of House Bill No. 1892, as amended. The urgency of cesspool conversion to secure our local resources and support community resilience is critical.

Please support passage of House Bill No. 1892, as amended, and prioritize removing 53 million gallons per day of raw sewage from entering our drinking water and marine systems.

Sincerely,

Georjean L. Adams, Chair
Environmental Management Commission

CC:

Heather Kimball, Council Chair
Members of the Hawai'i County Council