

Proposed Revisions to County Code Chapter 21

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Discussion Goals

- Challenges with Existing Chapter 21
- Rationale for Proposed Code Changes
- Overall Code Development Process
- Implementation of Proposed Program

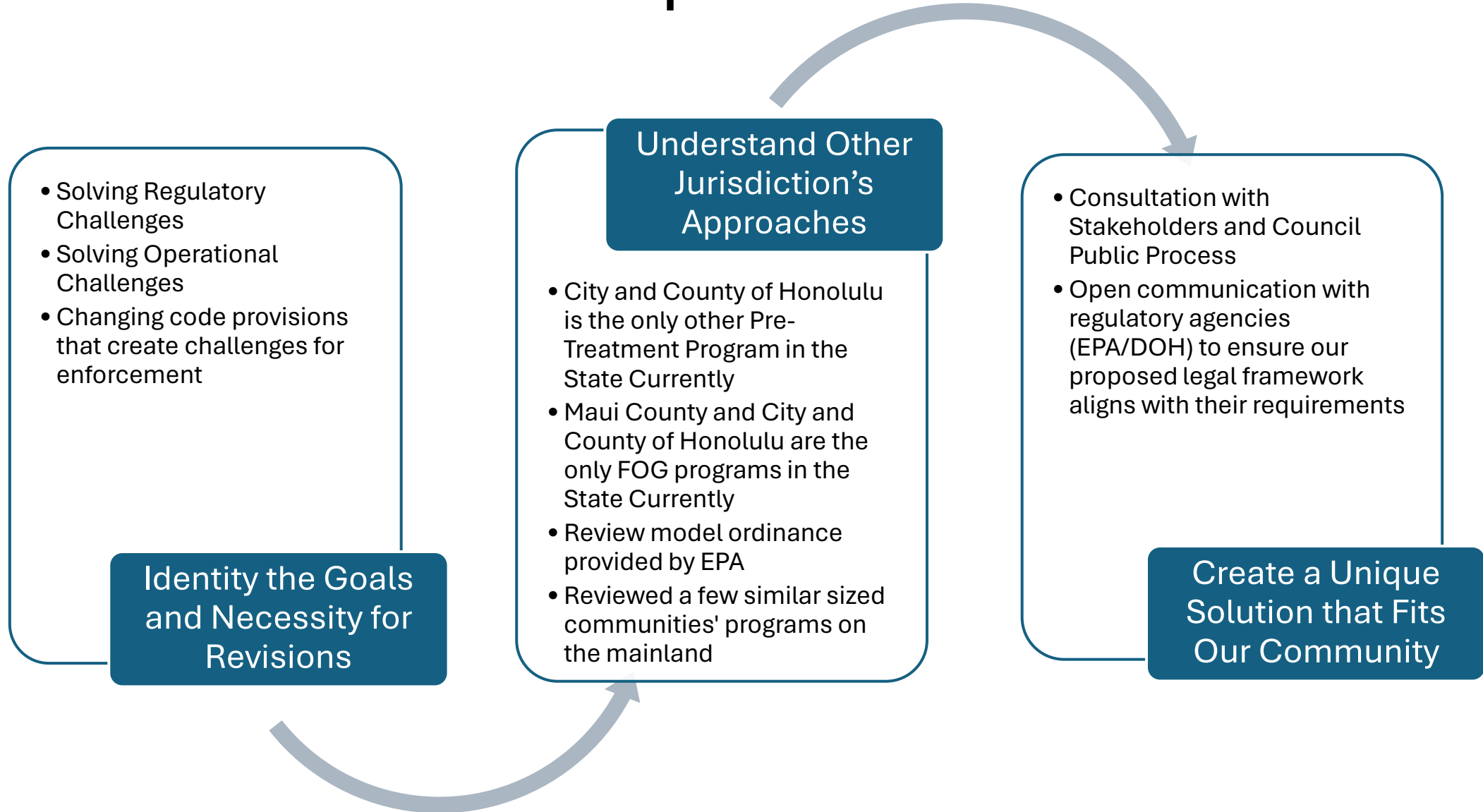
Challenges with Existing Chapter 21

- Article 1 - Challenging definitions
 - Example “Accessible to a sewer”
 - Several useful definitions are not included.
- Article 2 – Vague Fats Oils & Grease (FOG), Pretreatment, and Industrial Waste Provisions
 - Challenging to enforce
 - Vague to the public
- Article 3 – Sewer Works & Connections Requirements Create Legal and Financial Liabilities
 - Sewage disposal into natural outlets
 - Do not give County jurisdiction to charge permit or connection fees
 - Lateral ownership and maintenance responsibility
 - Loss of sewer fees for 10-years after private developer installs sewer
- Article 4 – Sewer Charges Have No Specific Provisions for Pretreatment fees and Remove Water Service Disconnection Provision (21-32(f))
- Article 5 – Sewer Loan Program Never Came to Fruition

Rationale for Proposed Code Changes

- Add EPA pre-treatment language as required by the Federal Pretreatment Program
- Address operational challenges
 - Lateral replacement liability
 - Reduce reactive maintenance due to damage from FOG
 - Reduce equipment damage from FOG
- Align our code with overall state wastewater goals and jurisdiction
- Increase sewer fund revenue to cover costs associated with Administrative Orders on Consent (AOC)
- Provide legal authority necessary for compliance with our AOCs
- Remove loan program code that was never developed
- Move enforcement requirements into chapter 21 from chapter 2, article 40

Overall Code Development Process



Implementation of Proposed Program

