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HCR 102 HD1 – REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH CENTER TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON NEW TECHNOLOGIES RELATED TO CESSPOOL WATER REMEDIATION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE ORGANIC BIODEGRADABLE WATER CLARIFIERS

Chairs Kim and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Kidani and Richards, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 102 HD1, which is requesting the University of Hawaiʻi Water Resource Research Center (WRRC) to conduct a feasibility study on new technologies related to cesspool water remediation, which may include organic biodegradable water clarifiers.

The University of Hawaiʻi appreciates the intent; however, WRRC was not contacted by the authors of the HD1 amendments that replaced the Wastewater Branch of the Environmental Management Division of the Department of Health with WRRC. **WRRC is available to assist the Department of Health on the study**. As such, we request the committees to revert this resolution back to its original intent.

> *"BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Wastewater Branch of the Environmental Management Division of the Department of Health, is requested to conduct a feasibility study on the use of organic biodegradable water clarifiers for cesspool water remediation;"*

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 102 HD1.