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HB 3344
RELATING TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS

House Committees on
Energy and Environmental Protection
Health
Intergovernmental Relations and International Affairs

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By
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HB 3344 would create a Wastewater Treatment Works Improvement Commission within the Department of Health for the purpose of advising and assisting the director in wastewater management issues.

Our statement on this measure does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The proposed commission appears to be modeled after the Environmental Council created by Chapter 341, HRS and responsible for rulemaking and advisory management pertinent to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) system. However, no comparable rulemaking functions are suggested for this commission, and implementation of the various wastewater treatment systems throughout the state is a county rather than a state function. Thus, we are not inclined to support establishment of such an administrative entity, since its suggested powers and duties appear already to be appropriately vested at the county level.