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SB 1989
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (SEPTIC TANKS)

Statement for
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Public Hearing - February 19, 1986

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HB 2513 would amend a subsection of Act 282, 1985 that deals with septic tanks. This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The amendment proposed is the deletion of a present requirement that a septic tank can be followed by a disposal field only on a lot of at least 15,000 sq. ft. The term "Leach field" would be preferable to the term "drain field." We note that lot size has little to do with the performance of a leach or drain field. There was originally a 15,000 sq. ft. requirement in the provisions regarding septic tanks, this requirement was subsequently deleted, then reinstated by Act 282, 1985. We believe it should be deleted again as proposed in HB 2513.



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The attached statement on SB 1989 is equally applicable to the companion bill,
HB 2513.