

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY

Voting Members:

Carol Fukunaga, Chair; Andria Tupola, Vice-Chair;
Brandon J.C. Elefante, Heidi Tsuneyoshi

Committee Meeting Held
August 25, 2021

Honorable Tommy Waters
Council Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Infrastructure and Technology, to which was referred Bill 2 (2021), CD1 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 1990, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING FEES AND SERVICES BY AMENDING ARTICLES 1 AND 5 RELATING TO PUBLIC SEWERS,"

which passed Second Reading and was the subject of a Public Hearing held at the July 7, 2021, Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Bill is to amend Articles 1 and 5 of Chapter 14, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), to comply with required modifications to the pretreatment program. These modifications consist of updates to certain definitions under the pretreatment program; implementation of changes required by the Federal Pretreatment Streamlining Rule; and, upon the Department of Environmental Services' passage of a Local Limits Administrative Rule, the repeal of the local limits currently set forth in ROH Section 14-1 .9(g)(14).

Director Wesley T. Yokoyama from the Department of Environmental Services ("ENV") testified in support of the measure. Director Yokoyama explained the bill is important to the City's pre-treatment program which prevents toxic chemicals and other waste from entering into the City's sewer system and allows the City to cite and fine individuals who illegally dumping toxic waste into the system.

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The bill amends the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu to be consistent with current Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") pre-treatment regulations. The bill also allows ENV to administratively establish and modify local limits of what type of materials can enter into the city sewer system.

Committee Chair Fukunaga noted the federal Pretreatment Streamlining Rule took effect on November 14, 2005, and inquired whether or not the City has incurred any penalties or warning for the delayed implementation of the rule.

ENV's Environmental Quality Division Chief C. Jaramilla stated they learned of the non-compliance with federal streamlining rule when EPA conducted an audit of the pretreatment program. However, the city is committed to move forward and make appropriate changes to come into compliance, including the passage of Bill 2 (2021), CD1. He stated the City has not been subject to any warnings or penalties by the EPA.

Committee Chair Fukunaga asked for the committee's support of Bill 2 (2021), CD1 to help the department to come into compliance as quickly as possible.

Your Committee received no oral or written testimony on the Bill.

Your Committee on Public infrastructure and Technology is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 2 (2021), CD1 and recommends that it pass Third Reading. (Ayes: Elefante, Fukunaga, Tsuneyoshi, Tupola – 4; Noes: None)

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Chair

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