REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY

Voting Members:
Radiant Cordero, Chair; Val A. Okimoto, Vice Chair;
Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Andria Tupola, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
May 20, 2026

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

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology, which considered Bill 12 (2026) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWERS, DRAINAGE, AND CESSPOOLS,"

introduced on January 22, 2026, and was the subject of a public hearing at the February 18, 2026, Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the bill is to require certain information relating to sewers, drainage, and cesspools to be publicly accessible.

Your Committee considered and approved a posted proposed CD1 version that makes the following amendment(s):

A. In SECTION 2 of the bill:

1. Amends proposed ROH § 43-__.3(a) to provide that the designated department shall make the required website available no later than July 1, 2030.

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2. Amends proposed ROH Section 43-__.3(b) and (c) by reversing subdivisions (1) and (2) so that the order of the information requirement and the map feature requirement is consistent with language in subsection (a).

3. Amends proposed, renumbered ROH § 43-__.3(b)(1)(C) by removing the requirement that information on flow amounts be listed on the required website.

4. Amends proposed, renumbered ROH § 43-__.3(c)(1) by removing paragraphs (A) and (D), which contained requirements that information on stormwater draining line capacity and flow amounts, as well as gray water reuse of stormwater, be listed on the required website. Re-letters paragraphs accordingly.

B. Adds a new SECTION 3 which requires the City Administration to submit an annual report to the City Council, detailing its progress towards full implementation of the bill. Renumbers the subsequent SECTION.

C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

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Your Committee on Infrastructure, Transportation & Technology is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 12 (2026), as amended herein, and recommends that it pass third reading in the form attached hereto as Bill 12 (2026), CD1. (Ayes: Cordero, Dos Santos-Tam, Okimoto, Tupola – 4; Noes: None; Absent: Weyer – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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ORDINANCE _____

BILL **12 (2026), CD1**

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO SEWERS, DRAINAGE, AND CESSPOOLS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to require certain information relating to sewers, drainage, and cesspools to be publicly accessible.

SECTION 2. Chapter 43, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Sewers, Drainage, and Cesspools"), is amended by adding a new article to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

"ARTICLE ___: PUBLIC ACCESS TO WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM INFORMATION

§ 43-___.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to ensure that the public has access to information on the city's wastewater system and separate storm sewer system.

§ 43-___.2 Definition.

For the purposes of this article, the following definition applies unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Designated Department. The city department or agency designated by the mayor.

§ 43-___.3 Wastewater system and separate storm sewer system—Required website and map.

(a) *Website and map required.* No later than July 1, 2030, the designated department shall make available on a single publicly accessible website information on the wastewater system required pursuant to subsection (b)(1) and information on the separate storm sewer system required pursuant to (c)(1). The website must include an interactive map that combines the city's geographic information system with the wastewater system features required pursuant to subsection (b)(2) and the separate storm sewer system features required

pursuant to subsection (c)(2). The website and map must be updated at least once per month.

(b) *Wastewater system.*

(1) *Information.* The website required pursuant to subsection (a) must include the following information on the city's wastewater system:

(A) Treatment facility flows;

(B) Spill events;

(C) Sewer line capacity;

(D) Contaminant levels in the wastewater;

(E) The location of current and planned maintenance, repair, replacement, or installation work, including an estimated date of initiation and completion of the work;

(F) Information on the city's compliance with federal, State, or city laws relating to the wastewater system;

(G) Water quality measurements; and

(H) The number of public complaints relating to the wastewater system and the nature of the complaints.

(2) *Map features.* The map required pursuant to subsection (a) must include the locations of all wastewater treatment facilities, ocean outfalls, force mains, interceptors, trunk sewers, and pump stations.

(c) *Separate storm sewer system.*

(1) *Information.* The website required pursuant to subsection (a) must include the following information on the city's separate storm sewer system:

(A) The annual amount of stormwater runoff;

(B) The annual amount of rainwater captured;

(C) The location of current and planned maintenance, repair, replacement, or installation work, including an estimated date of initiation and completion of the work;

(D) The annual amount of trash and debris captured by the separate storm sewer system; and

(E) The number of public complaints relating to the separate storm sewer system and the nature of the complaints.

(2) *Map features.* The map required pursuant to subsection (a) must include the locations of all storm water conduits, structures, and polygons."

SECTION 3. The City Administration shall submit an annual report to the City Council, beginning one year after the effective date of this ordinance, until the full implementation of this ordinance. At a minimum, the report must include the following information:

(1) The City Administration's progress towards full implementation, including actions completed and actions in progress;

(2) Any barriers to implementation; and

(3) Any recommended changes to the ordinance.

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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters

Andria Tupola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 22, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this_____ day of_____ , 20___.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:
Wastewater System; Separate Storm Sewer System; Website; Map; Report; Department of Environmental Services ("ENV"); Department of Facility Maintenance ("DFM"); Department of Information Technology ("DIT")

Description:
Requires a department to be designated by the Mayor to make certain information relating to the City's wastewater system and separate storm sewer system publicly accessible. Establishes reporting requirements.

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