

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2395

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.B. No. 2395 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROTECTION OF FOREST RESERVES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's forest reserves by:

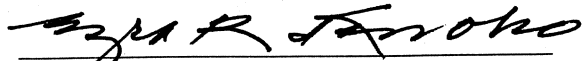
- (1) Establishing administrative penalties for violations of Hawaii's forest reserve, water development, and zoning law;
- (2) Allowing the Board of Land and Natural Resources to set and charge administrative fees and recover administrative fees and costs resulting from violations of the forest reserve, water development, and zoning law; and
- (2) Adding a fine of up to \$2,000, in addition to any other penalties, for each tree illegally taken from state forest reserves.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Hawaii Forest Industry Association, and Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, testified in support of this bill.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2395 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,


EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



