

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3034  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 3034 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve and protect Hawaii's natural environment through consistent and uniform application of the state's environmental laws by establishing environmental courts within the circuit courts to hear cases and preside over other administrative proceedings relating to environmental law.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Judiciary opposed this measure.


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, style, and consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3034, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3034, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



