

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2357
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 S.B. No. 2357 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SECTION 13 OF ACT 380, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 1997,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to remove the sunset date on the use of new safe harbor agreements, habitat conservation plans, and incidental take licenses as recovery options for conserving and protecting the State's endangered species.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawai'i Forest Industry Association, and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Extending the sunset date for five years instead of removing the sunset date entirely; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, 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 S.B. No. 2357, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2357, H.D. 1.

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


Sylvia Luke, Chair



