
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE CALENDAR FOR
CASES THAT INVOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

1 WHEREAS, cases that involve environmental issues or
2 applications of environmental law are currently dealt with in
3 several different courts within the Judiciary; and
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5 WHEREAS, this organizational structure inadvertently
6 promotes inconsistent application of the wide variety of
7 environmental laws; and
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9 WHEREAS, the continued maintenance and improvement of
10 Hawaii's environment requires constant vigilance and continued
11 stewardship to ensure its lasting beauty, uniqueness, and
12 stability of its natural systems; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii's natural environment would be more
15 effectively preserved and protected through consistent and
16 uniform application of the State' environmental laws by
17 consolidating environmental cases into a separate calendar; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Judiciary is
23 requested to establish a separate calendar for cases that
24 involve environmental matters and the application or
25 interpretation of environmental law; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the
29 Supreme Court and the Administrative Director of the Courts.
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