

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 1793  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1793, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect native species of sandalwood trees by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish rules regarding sandalwood; and
- (2) Establishing penalties for the illegal destruction or harvesting of native sandalwood trees.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources and The Foundation for Islands of Harmony supported this measure with amendments. The Hawaii Forest Industry Association offered comments on the measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

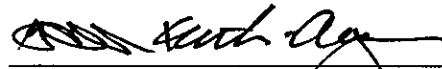
- (1) Expanding protection under this measure to include native forest resources deemed in need of conservation by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in addition to sandalwood;



- (2) Defining "native forest resources deemed in need of conservation";
- (3) Clarifying the penalty provisions to be both criminal and administrative; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1793, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1793, H.D. 2.

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

  
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GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN, Chair



