

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 197

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and  
Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 197 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO  
ENHANCE ITS ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAWS PROHIBITING THE SALE  
OF IVORY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect African elephants.

Specifically, the measure urges the federal government to  
enhance its enforcement of federal laws prohibiting the sale of  
ivory, which is often supplied by poachers who illegally slaughter  
African elephants.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Elephants NJ,  
Golfing for Elephants, and five individuals testified in support  
of the measure. Elephants DC, The Humane Society of the United  
States - Humane Society International, the Natural Resources  
Defense Council, and WildAid commented on the measure.

Your Committees find that African elephants are nearing  
extinction due to poaching driven by the high price of ivory and  
consumer demand. The Convention on International Trade in  
Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, adopted by the United  
States, banned the international trade of African elephant ivory,  
and federal laws prohibit the sale of certain classes of ivory.  
Accordingly, your Committees believe the federal government should



enhance its enforcement of federal laws prohibiting the sale of non-antique African elephant ivory.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 197 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair





