Honolulu, Hawaii
Abril 3 , 2014

RE: H.R. No. 157

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.R. No. 157 entitled:

"HOUSE 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.

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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.R. No. 157 and recommend its adoption.

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

KARL RHOADS, Chair

ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date	,				
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☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.							
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold							
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)							
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)							
2. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (VC)							
3. BELATTI, Della Au	//	***					
4. BROWER, Tom				_			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	./						
6. CREAGAN, Richard				,			
7. EVANS, Cindy							
8. HAR, Sharon E.				1			
9. ITO, Ken	. /		-				
10. LEE, Chris							
11. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.							
12. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				/			
13. TSUJI, Clift			11.11				
14. YAMANE, Ryan I.		}					
15. MCDERMOTT, Bob							
16. THIELEN, Cynthia							

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The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)							
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)							
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)							
3. BELATTI, Della Au							
4. BROWER, Tom							
5. CREAGAN, Richard							
6. ITO, Ken							
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.			-				
8. LEE, Chris		···					
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.							
10. TSUJI, Clift							
11. WOOLEY, Jessica							
12. MCDERMOTT, Bob							
13. THIELEN, Cynthia							
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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