Honolulu, Hawaii

April 4

, 2014

RE:

S.B. No. 632

S.D. 2

H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 632, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COURTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote and protect Hawaii's natural environment through consistent and uniform application of environmental laws by establishing an environmental court that has exclusive, original jurisdiction over proceedings arising from specified environmental matters.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Get the Drift and Bag It!; Kipahulu Ohana, Inc.; Keep the Hawaiian Islands Beautiful; and a few individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; and an individual provided testimony in opposition to this measure. The Judiciary, Office of Planning, and The Outdoor Circle provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 632, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

SYLVIA LUKE. Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 1643-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:			Date:		
SB 632, SD2, HD1	EEP, JUD, FIN			3/31/2014		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) U Hold						
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)		Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)				A.F.		N上計畫 於實理
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)					-	
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)			# BIFF			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.						
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	2414		1211			
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7. JORDAN, Jo	11121					
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9. LOWEN, Nicole E.						
10. MORIKAWA, Dee	Second Se			- 2000		TOTAL COMMON CONTRACTOR OF SPECIAL COMMUNICATION CONTRACTOR OF SPECIAL CONTR
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.			ifafi			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg						
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane						
14. WOODSON, Justin H.	De Same de Carlo					TANK SANSAN SANSAN SANSAN SANSAN SANSAN
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.						
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth				(* 420E)		
17. WARD, Gene						
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TOTAL (17)		14				
The recommendation is: Adopted						
(If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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