

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 14, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 632
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 632, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's natural environment through consistent and uniform application of environmental laws by establishing environmental courts as divisions of the State's Circuit Courts to have exclusive, original jurisdiction over all proceedings related to environmental matters.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs; International Coast Clean-Up; Keep the Hawaiian Islands Beautiful; Outdoor Circle; International Coastal Cleanup; Sky Ohana; Kipahulu Ohana, Inc.; and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; BIA-Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council testified in opposition to this measure. The Office of Planning and the State of Hawaii Judiciary commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 632, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SB632 SD2 HSCR EEP HMS 2014-2564



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy &
Environmental Protection,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 974-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 632, SD 2	Committee Referral: EEP, JUD, FIN	Date: 3/11/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
2. THIELEN, Cynthia (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. HANOHANO, Faye P.				✓
6. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.				✓
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
10. FALE, Richard Lee		✓		
TOTAL (10)	7	1		2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Cynthia Thielen</i></u>				
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