

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1261  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1261, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make permanent the requirement that decisions in contested case hearings of the Commission on Water Resource Management, Land Use Commission, Public Utilities Commission, and Hawaii Community Development Authority, and those involving conservation districts, be appealed directly to the Supreme Court, with certain exceptions.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii, Maunakea Observatories, and two individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that Act 48, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, temporarily required certain agency appeals to be filed directly with the Supreme Court, bypassing the circuit courts, environmental courts, and the Intermediate Court of Appeals. Your Committee further finds that this measure would make permanent this requirement.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1261, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



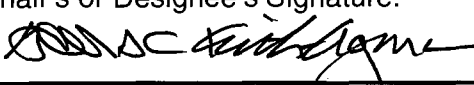
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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB1261 HDI SDI	JPL, WAM	4/3/19
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		X
HARIMOTO, Breene		X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X	
KAHELE, Kaiali'i		X
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X	
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X	
RIVIERE, Gil	X	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X	
FEVELLA, Kurt	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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