Honolulu, Hawaii

Feyn, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3034

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 3034 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve and protect Hawaii's natural environment through consistent and uniform application of the state's environmental laws by establishing environmental courts within the circuit courts to hear cases and preside over other administrative proceedings relating to environmental law.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Judiciary opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2096, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, style, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3034, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3034, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date: 2/14/06 The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. Pass, with amendments			
HB3034 Committee Referral: JUD, FIN				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended				
☐ Hold	□ R	ecommit		
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	1			
2. OSHIRO, Blake K. (VC)	✓			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk				
4. KANOHO, Ezra R.	1			
5. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	/			
6. MORITA, Hermina M.	/			
7. SONSON, Alex M.	1			
8. SOUKI, Joseph M.	/			
9. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	The			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	.0			
TOTAL	7	2		ı
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:	nittee acronyn		ort recommendation.	
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