

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 837  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 837 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION OF ANIMALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prevent the extinction of animals with ivory teeth and tusks and the rhinoceros by prohibiting the sale and trade of ivory and rhinoceros horn within the State.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaiian Humane Society, Humane Society of the United States, The Nature Conservancy, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. Lessons in Firearms Education, National Rifle Association of America, Hawaii Rifle Association, and many individuals testified in opposition to this measure. Two individuals provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

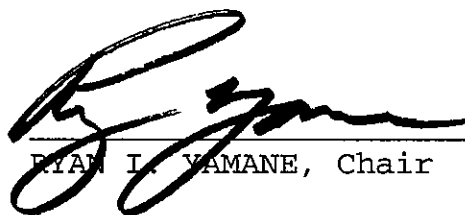
- (1) Exempting from the applicability of this measure:
  - (A) Guns, knives, and musical instruments where composition contains less than twenty percent ivory or rhinoceros horn; and



- (B) Ivory or rhinoceros horn jewelry identified as Ming's jewelry;
- (2) Excluding whale teeth from the definition of "ivory";
- (3) Specifying that there is a two-year enforcement delay on the prohibition of the sale and trade of ivory from the effective date of the measure;
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments to better comport with drafting conventions and to enhance clarity, consistency, and style; and
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 837, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 837, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,



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RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 937	<b>Committee Referral:</b> WAL, JUD	<b>Date:</b> 2-9-2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	✓			
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. ING, Kaniela	✓			
5. LEE, Chris	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	10	Ø	Ø	Ø
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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