STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

## MAR 0 3 2017

## RE: S.B. No. 1229

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1229 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt proceedings that relate to parking violations under applicable administrative rules from the exclusive, original jurisdiction of the environmental courts.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources submitted written comments in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that many parking violations do not directly or severely impact the State's natural or cultural resources. Therefore, this measure will allow those violations to be more easily and efficiently processed through the district courts or the Traffic Violations Bureau of the First Circuit, rather than the environmental courts. Your Committee notes that, under this measure, parking violations that may impact the State's natural or cultural resources will still be prosecuted in the environmental courts. Your Committee therefore believes that this measure will alleviate the burden placed on the environmental courts, while also allowing those courts to focus resources on cases likely to have an environmental impact.





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 S.B. No. 1229 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

JILL Chair KUDA, N



## The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					<u> </u>
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HARIMOTO, Breene		/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		. *			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i					
RIVIERE, Gil					
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.					
WAKAI, Glenn					/
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