



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 5, 2018

**GOV. MSG. NO. 1220**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 5, 2018, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1936 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COURTS  
**ACT 119 (18)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COURTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 604A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as  
3 follows:

4           "~~[H]~~ §604A-2 ~~[H]~~ Jurisdiction. (a) The environmental  
5 courts shall have exclusive, original jurisdiction over all  
6 proceedings, including judicial review of administrative  
7 proceedings and proceedings for declaratory judgment on the  
8 validity of agency rules authorized under chapter 91, arising  
9 under chapters 6D, 6E, 6K, 128D, 339, 339D, 340A, 340E, 342B,  
10 342C, 342D, 342E, 342F, 342G, 342H, 342I, 342J, 342L, 342P, 343,  
11 and 508C, and title 12; provided that ~~[upon]~~:

12           (1) The environmental courts shall not have exclusive,  
13           original jurisdiction over any proceedings relating to  
14           any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor scooter, or moped  
15           parking violations adopted under agency rules pursuant  
16           to chapter 91 and authorized under chapters 6D, 6E,  
17           6K, 128D, 339, 339D, 340A, 340E, 342B, 342C, 342D,



1           342E, 342F, 342G, 342H, 342I, 342J, 342L, 342P, 343,  
2           and 508C, and title 12; and

3           (2) Upon the motion of a party or sua sponte by the chief  
4           justice, the chief justice may assign to the  
5           environmental courts issues before the courts when the  
6           chief justice determines that due to their subject  
7           matter the assignment is required to ensure the  
8           uniform application of environmental laws throughout  
9           the State or to otherwise effectuate the purpose of  
10          this chapter."

11          SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
12 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
13 begun before its effective date.

14          SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16          SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

APPROVED this 05 day of JUL, 2018



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1936, HD 1, SD 1

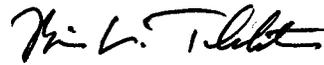
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018.



Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

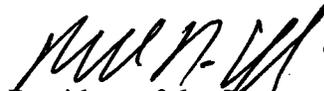


Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: April 10, 2018  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2018.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate