STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2366

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2447

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2447 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 all proceedings relating to parking violations under certain administrative rules from the exclusive, original jurisdiction of the environmental courts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that most of the parking violations at the State's small boat harbors and state parks do not pose direct or severe impacts to the State's natural or cultural resources. These cases can be easily and more efficiently processed through the regular district courts or the Traffic Violations Bureau of the First Circuit. Removing these cases from the jurisdiction of the environmental courts will allow the courts to focus on more serious environmental cases.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2035, to encourage further discussion. 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 S.B. No. 2447, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2447, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2447	Committee			tte: 2/13/	118
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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)					
RHOADS, Karl (VC)		~~			
GABBARD, Mike					
KIM, Donna Mercado					
THIELEN, Laura H.					
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TOTAL		5	0	0	0
Recommendation:			Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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