

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 36
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.R.
No. 36 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT 'ILIAHI, HAWAIIAN
SANDALWOOD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Land and Natural Resources to:

- (1) Establish a comprehensive program for protecting native
'Iliahi trees;
- (2) Invest in efforts to replant 'Iliahi trees so that these
endangered native species thrive once again in Hawaii;
and
- (3) Prohibit the export from the State of raw or unprocessed
timber of any native 'Iliahi tree species.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Diamond Head Scenic
Byway Committee, Hawaiian Alliance, Kanehili Cultural Hui, Forest
Agriculture Research Management Center, and twenty individuals.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaiian
Reforestation Program.



Your Committee finds that 'Iliahi, or Hawaiian Sandalwood, is an endemic and endangered native Hawaiian tree. The 'Iliahi species have many medicinal and ornamental uses, and the wood of 'Iliahi trees has been prized and harvested for centuries. 'Iliahi wood was exported from Hawaii in great amounts during the early 1800s, nearly making these native species extinct. According to testimony, Hawaii has one-quarter of the world's sandalwood trees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting a reference that urged the Department of Land and Natural Resources to prohibit the export from the State of 'Iliahi timber because the Department does not have the legal authority to prohibit exports of a product.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 36, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 36, S.D. 1.

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



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



