STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1214

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 2 2015

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

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Water and Land WTL

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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 (W	R)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)		X				
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)						X
IHARA, Jr., Les		X				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
RIVIERE, Gil		X				
RUDERMAN, Russell E.		X				
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.						×
SLOM, Sam						X
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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