

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 18, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2378
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2378 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOREST RESERVES VIOLATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources to more consistently and effectively address conservation and resource violations by:

- (1) Making any violation of Part II of Chapter 183, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or any rules adopted pursuant thereto, a criminal offense; and
- (2) Repealing section 183-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

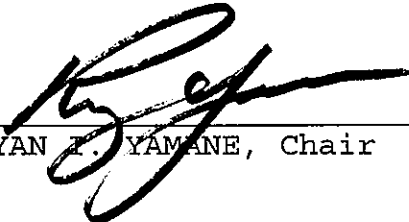
The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the law only warrants a fine up to \$10,000 per Koa tree and \$2,000 for all other forest products. This fine does not discourage theft since the value of Koa and other forest products far exceeds this dollar amount. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by giving the Board of Land and Natural Resources greater discretionary authority to set, charge, and collect fines for violations of section 183-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2378, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2378, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



RYAN T. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HSCR 437-16

Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2378	Committee Referral: WAL, JUD	Date: 2-5-2016		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)	✓			
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. ING, Kaniela	✓			
5. LEE, Chris	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10	Ø	Ø	Ø
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Ty J.K. Cullen</i></u>				
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