



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Bill No. and Title: House Bill No. 1936, House Draft 1 Relating to the Environmental Courts.

Purpose: Provides that the environmental courts shall not have exclusive, original jurisdiction over any proceedings relating to parking violations under certain administrative rules and laws. (HB1936 HD1)

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports House Bill No. 1936, House Draft 1.

Exempting all proceedings relating to parking violations under certain administrative rules would help to alleviate the cases in Environmental Court by allowing the public to pay fines or to write a written statement, if applicable, instead of having to appear in court.

Since the Environmental Court began on July 1, 2015, a total of 9,235 Environmental Court-eligible charges have been filed, including 948 parking infractions. Taking these types of cases out of Environmental Court will allow the court to focus on more serious environmental cases.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.