



The Judiciary, State of Hawai'i

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 2447, Relating to the Environmental Courts.

Purpose: Exempts all proceedings relating to parking violations under certain administrative rules from the exclusive, original jurisdiction of the environmental courts.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports Senate Bill No. 2447.

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 Senate Bill No. 2447.