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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE CALENDAR FOR  
CASES THAT INVOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

1           WHEREAS, cases that involve environmental issues or  
2 applications of environmental law are currently dealt with in  
3 several different courts within the Judiciary; and  
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5           WHEREAS, this organizational structure inadvertently  
6 promotes inconsistent application of the wide variety of  
7 environmental laws; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the continued maintenance and improvement of  
10 Hawaii's environment requires constant vigilance and continued  
11 stewardship to ensure its lasting beauty, uniqueness, and  
12 stability of its natural systems; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Hawaii's natural environment would be more  
15 effectively preserved and protected through consistent and  
16 uniform application of the State' environmental laws by  
17 consolidating environmental cases into a separate calendar; now,  
18 therefore,  
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20           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2008, that the Judiciary is requested to establish a  
23 separate calendar for cases that involve environmental matters  
24 and the application or interpretation of environmental law; and  
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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
28 Court and the Administrative Director of the Courts.  
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