

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING

## Voting Members:

Ikaika Anderson, Chair; Breene Harimoto, Vice-Chair;  
Ann H. Kobayashi, Ron Menor, Kymberly Marcos Pine

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Committee Meeting Held  
February 6, 2014

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning and Planning, to which was referred Bill 4 (2014),  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE USE OF INDIGENOUS AND  
POLYNESIAN INTRODUCED PLANTS IN PUBLIC LANDSCAPING,"

which passed First Reading at the January 29, 2014 Council meeting, reports as  
follows:

The purpose of Bill 4 (2014) is to provide for the use of indigenous and  
Polynesian-introduced plants in public landscaping. Bill 4 (2014) would require that  
whenever and wherever feasible, indigenous and Polynesian-introduced plants be used  
for new or renovated landscaping at any municipal building, facility, park or housing.

At your committee's meeting on February 6, 2014, the Chief Engineer of the  
Department of Facility Maintenance stated that the department had concerns about the  
Bill with respect to increased costs of acquiring indigenous plants and the higher  
expenditures for the maintenance of such plants. Both the Department of Facility  
Maintenance and the Department of Parks and Recreation submitted written testimony  
expressing their concerns about the Bill. Six members of the public, including a nursery  
owner, testified in support of the Bill.

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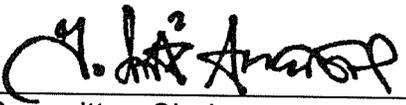
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Your Committee on Zoning and Planning recommends that Bill 4 (2014) pass Second Reading, be scheduled for a public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Anderson, Harimoto, Kobayashi, Menor, Pine – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Committee Chair

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