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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND COURT.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The purpose of the Act is to enable the  
2 counties to promptly track property ownership, encumbrances,  
3 restrictions, uses, and sales prices of real property to enable  
4 more accurate real property tax assessments by requiring the  
5 assistant registrar of the land court to provide, within ten  
6 days after each week and without charge, an image and index of  
7 all deeds and other voluntary instruments, writs, or other  
8 process that have been recorded with the assistant registrar  
9 that week relating to registered land in all the counties, to  
10 the county designated in a memorandum of understanding agreed  
11 upon by the counties to act as a central clearinghouse to  
12 deliver the images and index to the other counties without  
13 charge.

14       SECTION 2. Section 501-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16       **"§501-107 Entry record; duplicates and certified copies.**

17 The assistant registrar shall keep a record in which shall be  
18 entered all deeds and other voluntary instruments, and all



1 copies of writs or other process filed or recorded with the  
2 assistant registrar relating to registered land. The assistant  
3 registrar shall note in the record the date of reception of all  
4 instruments. The instruments shall be stamped with the date,  
5 hour, and minute of reception and shall be regarded as  
6 registered from the date and time so noted, and the memorandum  
7 of each instrument when made on the certificate of title to  
8 which it refers shall bear the same date.

9 Every deed or other instrument, whether voluntary or  
10 involuntary, so filed or recorded with the registrar or  
11 assistant registrar shall be numbered and indexed, and indorsed  
12 with a reference to the proper certificate of title. All  
13 records relating to registered land in the office of the  
14 registrar or of the assistant registrar shall be open to the  
15 public in the same manner as probate records are open, subject  
16 to ~~such~~ reasonable regulations as the registrar, under the  
17 direction of the court, may make.

18 Certified copies of all instruments filed or recorded and  
19 registered may also be obtained at any time on payment of the  
20 assistant registrar's fees.

21 Within ten days after the end of each week, the assistant  
22 registrar shall deliver or forward by mail or electronic



transmission, without charge, an image and index of all deeds  
and other voluntary instruments, writs, or other process that  
have been filed or recorded with the assistant registrar during  
each week relating to registered land in all the counties, to  
the county designated to act as a central clearinghouse in a  
memorandum of understanding agreed upon by the counties. The  
central clearinghouse shall deliver the images and index to the  
other counties without charge. The index shall include the  
following for each instrument:

- (1) Document number;
- (2) Certificate number;
- (3) Date of the filing;
- (4) Type of document;
- (5) Names of grantor and grantee;
- (6) Current tax map key number; and
- (7) Location of the real property by island."

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Land Court; Counties; Recorded Instruments

**Description:**

Requires the assistant registrar of the land court to provide an image and index of all instruments that contain real property transactions to the county designated as a central clearinghouse under a memorandum of understanding agreement agreed upon by the counties. (SB522 HD1)

