Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 522

S.D. 2 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred S.B. No. 522, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enable more accurate real property tax assessments by requiring the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court (Assistant Registrar) to transmit to the Administrator of the Real Property Assessment Division of the City and County of Honolulu (Honolulu Assessment Division), without charge and on a weekly basis, an image and index of all documents relating to registered land in all counties recorded with the Assistant Registrar during the previous week. This bill also requires the Administrator of the Honolulu Assessment Division to provide copies of the images, without charge, to the real property assessment administrators of the other counties.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources opposed this bill. The Honolulu Assessment Division submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) In lieu of the Administrator of the Honolulu Assessment Division, requiring the image and index of documents to be transmitted to the county designated to act as the central clearinghouse in a memorandum of understanding

agreed upon by the counties, provided that the central clearinghouse deliver the images and index to the other counties without charge;

- (2) Removing the provision allowing the Assistant Registrar to transmit the image and index after the specified deadline for transmittal in the case of unforeseen technical computer malfunction; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 522, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 522, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources,

KEN ITO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fifth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 522, SD2	Committee Referral: WLO, FIN	Date	3/23/0	9
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: □ Pass, unamended (as is) □ Pass, with amendments (HD) □ Hold □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WLO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)				
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				1 M(2 - 2, 2)
3. CABANILLA, Rida				
4. CHANG, Jerry L.				•
5. CHONG, Pono	Soft Soft			
5. CHONG, Pollo				V
6. COFFMAN, Denny				
7. HERKES, Robert N.				
8. LEE, Chris				
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9. LUKE, Sylvia				
10. MORITA, Hermina M.				
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11. SAGUM, Roland D., III				
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.		4		
13. THIELEN, Cynthia				
TOTAL (13)	N			2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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