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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES**

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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1138
RELATING TO COPIES IN THE BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES**

House Bill 1138 would allow the Bureau of Conveyances (Bureau) and the Office of the Assistant Registrar to archive all records in a digital format. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administration bill.

Presently, records in the Bureau are allowed to be stored in photographic or electrostatic copy only. In order to improve efficiency and avoid duplication of functions at the Bureau, it is critical to allow records to be scanned and stored in an electronic format. This bill will allow the Bureau to eliminate the step to microfilm the documents which will offer a faster return of original documents to the public.

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