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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 518, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to read as follows:
4	"§518- Prohibition on transfer fees; covenants. (a) A
5	deed restriction or other covenant running with the land
6	applicable to the sale of residential real property that
7	requires a transferee of residential real property, or the
8	transferee's heirs, successors, and assigns, to pay to a
9	declarant or other person imposing a deed restriction or
10	covenant on the property or a third party designated by a
11	transferor of the property, a fee in connection with a future
12	transfer of the property shall be prohibited and unenforceable.
13	A deed restriction or other covenant running with the land that
14	violates this section, or a lien purporting to encumber the land
15	to secure a right under a deed restriction or other covenant
16	running with the land that violates this section is void and
17	unenforceable.

1	(b) This section shall not apply to a deed restriction or
2	other covenant running with the land that requires a fee
3	associated with the conveyance of property that is payable to a
4	government entity."
5	SECTION 2. Chapter 518, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended by amending its title to read as follows:
7	"COVENANTS IN [LEASES] REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS"
8	SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
10	SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Real Property; Covenants

Description:

Prohibits a deed restriction or covenant that requires a transferee of real property to pay a transfer fee to the person imposing the deed restriction or covenant, in connection with a transfer of real property.