

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2910

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2910 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit a foreclosing mortgagee or mortgagee who acquires a property from requiring that a buyer purchase title insurance or escrow services from any particular vendor as a condition of sale.

Your Committee finds that the federal Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act prohibits a seller from requiring the buyer to purchase title insurance from a particular insurer as a condition of the sale, regardless of whether or not the property was acquired by foreclosure. The federal law, however, applies to title insurance and not escrow services and this measure will provide increased protection for consumers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2910 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations,

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations JGO

Bill / Resolution No.:* GB 2910	Committee CPN		D	ate: 2-{19[1	0
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members	•	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)					
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)					
BUNDA, Robert					
GABBARD, Mike		V			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					
SLOM, Sam					
	(a)				
TOTAL		5			1. 1.
Recommendation:					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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