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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION REGARDING HB 915, HD 2 SD1 RELATING TO CONVEYANCE TAX

TESTIFIER:

FREDERICK D. PABLO, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION (OR

DESIGNEE)

COMMITTEE:

WAM

DATE:

APRIL 1, 2011

TIME:

9:00PM

POSITION:

SUPPORT INTENT W/PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

This bill requires the Department of Taxation (Department) to provide the administrator of each county's real property assessment division with an image of all certificates of conveyances filed with the bureau of conveyances.

The Department is willing to work collaboratively with the county real property tax assessors' offices to increase their efficiency. We support their desire to obtain images, rather than paper copies of conveyance tax certificates. As a result of discussions with some of the county administrators, we suggest the following amendments to the Bill:

- Allow the Department of Taxation up to 21 business days to provide the conveyance tax certificate images to the county administrators; and
- Amend the effective date to January 1, 2012.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.