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June 15, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker and Members of the House Twenty-Sixth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 15, 2012, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2632 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO FEE TIME SHARE INTERESTS. Act 121 (12)

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Governor, State of Hawaii

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THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012 STATE OF HAWAII S.B. NO. 2632 S.D. 1 H.D. 1 C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FEE TIME SHARE INTERESTS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The joint legislative investigative committee
- 2 established pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 226,
- 3 adopted during the regular session of 2007, identified serious
- 4 shortcomings relating to the bureau of conveyances. Act 120,
- 5 Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, was adopted in response to the
- 6 findings of the committee. Act 120 was intended to ease the
- 7 backlog in land court recording and registration by, among other
- 8 things, transferring fee simple time share interests from the
- 9 land court system to the regular system.
- 10 Act 120 requires that, upon presentation of a deed or any
- 11 other instrument affecting a fee time share interest, the
- 12 assistant registrar of the land court shall not file the same in
- 13 the land court. Rather, the assistant registrar shall:
- 14 (1) Update the certificate of title for all fee time share
- interests in the time share plan;
- 16 (2) Record in the regular system the updated certificate
- of title for each fee time share interest in the time
- share plan;

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1	(3) Record in the regular system the deed or other
2	instrument presented for recording; and
3	(4) Cancel the certificate of title for each fee time
4	share interest in the time share plan.
5	Once the certification of title for a fee time share
6	interest is recorded, that time share interest is no longer
7	subject to the land court pursuant to chapter 501, Hawaii
8	Revised Statutes. From then on, all deeds and other instruments
9	affecting the fee time share interest shall be recorded in the
10	regular system. This process is known as deregistration of fee
11	time share interests.
12	The legislature finds that the task of updating and
13	recording the certificates of title for all fee time share
14	interests concurrently has exceeded the capacity of the land
15	court, particularly in light of the approximately three year
16	backlog of land court recordings and registration existing at
17	the time that Act 120 took effect.
18	Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to ease the backlog
19	in land court recording and registration by:
20	(1) Requiring all fee time share interests to be recorded
21	in the regular system rather than the land court, as
22	of the effective date of this Act; and

1	(2)	Streamlining the procedure for deregistering all
2		remaining fee time share interests.
3	SECT	ION 2. Section 501-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4	amended a	s follows:
5	1.	By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
6	and to re	ad:
7	" <u>"</u> Da	te and time of deregistration" means:
8	(1)	The date and time that a certificate of title for
9		land, other than a fee time share interest, is
10		recorded pursuant to section 501-261;
11	(2)	The date and time, if prior to July 1, 2012, when a
12		certificate of title for a fee time share interest was
13		recorded in the bureau of conveyances pursuant to
14	•	chapter 502 and part II of this chapter, whether such
15		certificate of title was or is certified by the
16		assistant registrar prior to, subsequent to, or on
17		July 1, 2012;
18	(3)	July 1, 2012, at 12:01 a.m. for all other fee time
19		share interests then in existence and for which a
20		certificate of title was not recorded in the bureau of
21		conveyances pursuant to chapter 502 and part II of
22		this chapter prior to July 1, 2012; and

1	(4)	For all fee time share interests not yet in existence
2		as of July 1, 2012, at 12:01 a.m., the date and time
3		of recordation of the declaration, declaration of
4		annexation, or other document or instrument
5		establishing such fee time share interest."
6	2.	By amending the definitions of "deregistered land" and
7	"fee time	share interest" to read:
8	""De	registered land" means [land that is the subject of a
9	certifica	te of title recorded pursuant to section 501-261.]:
10	(1)	Land, other than a fee time share interest, that is
11		the subject of a certificate of title recorded
12		pursuant to section 501-261;
13	(2)	A fee time share interest that is the subject of a
14		certificate of title recorded in the bureau of
15		conveyances pursuant to chapter 502 and part II of
16		this chapter prior to July 1, 2012, whether the
17		certificate of title is certified by the assistant
18		registrar on, before, or after July 1, 2012; and
19	(3)	All other fee time share interests.
20	"Fee	time share interest" means a time share interest,
21	other tha	n a leasehold time share interest, that [consists], at
22	any time	on or after July 1, 2011, consists or consisted of, or
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- 1 includes [a present,] or included an undivided interest in
- 2 registered land, including but not limited to an undivided
- 3 interest in one or more fee simple condominium apartments or
- 4 units established in whole or in part on registered land."
- 5 SECTION 3. Section 501-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:
- 7 "(e) Deregistration pursuant to sections 501-261 to
- 8 501-269 shall not alter or revoke the conclusive nature or
- 9 effect of a decree of registration, which shall continue to
- 10 quiet the title to the deregistered land as to all claims
- 11 arising prior to the [recording of the certificate of title
- 12 pursuant to section 501 261, date and time of deregistration of
- 13 the land, except claims as would not otherwise be barred under
- 14 this chapter if the lands were not registered."
- 15 SECTION 4. Section 501-261, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 "[+]\$501-261[+] Deregistration of fee interests. (a) The
- 18 registered owner of the fee interest in registered land may
- 19 submit a written request to the assistant registrar to
- 20 deregister the land under this chapter.
- 21 (1) Any written request for deregistration shall include
- 22 proof of title insurance in the amount of the value of

1		the land to be deregistered and a written waiver of
2		all claims against the State relating to the title to
3		the land arising after the date of deregistration.
4	(2)	Upon presentation to the assistant registrar [for
5		filing or recording of any instrument, document, or
6		paper-conveying or encumbering a fee time share
7		interest or any interest therein, or upon the] of a
8		written request [under subsection (d) of the] for
9		deregistration by the registered owner of the fee
10		interest in registered land, the assistant registrar
11		shall not register the same, but shall:
12	[(1)]	(A) Record in the bureau of conveyances, pursuant to
13		chapter 502, the current certificate of title for
14		the fee interest in the registered land [or the
15		registered land in which the fee time share
16		interest includes an undivided interest];
17		provided that[+
18		(A) Prior] prior thereto, the assistant registrar
19		shall note on the certificate of title all
20		documents and instruments that have been accepted
21		for registration and that have not yet been noted

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1		on the certificate of title[+ and] for the
2		registered land;
3	[(B)	If separate certificates of title have been
4		issued for individual fee time share interests in
5		the time share plan, the assistant registrar
6		shall record in the bureau of conveyances,
7		pursuant to chapter 502, the certificate of title
8		for each fee time share interest in the time
9		share plan;
10	(2)] <u>(B)</u>	Record in the bureau of conveyances, pursuant to
11	•	chapter 502, the [instrument, document, paper,
12		er] written request for deregistration presented
13		to the assistant registrar for filing or
14		recording. The [instrument, document, paper, or]
15		request shall be recorded immediately after the
16		certificate or certificates of title; and
17	[(3)] <u>(C)</u>	Cancel the certificate of title.
18	[(b)] <u>(3)</u>	The registrar or assistant registrar shall note
19	the	recordation and cancellation of the certificate of
20	title	e in the registration book and in the records of
21	the a	application for registration of the land that is
22	the :	subject of the certificate of title. The notation

1		shall state the bureau of conveyances document number
2		for the certificate of title so recorded, the
3		certificate of title number, and the land court
4		application number, map number, and lot number for the
5		land that is the subject of the certificate of title
6		so recorded.
7	[-(c)]	(4) No order of court shall be required prior to or
8		in connection with the performance of any of the
9		foregoing actions.
10	[-(d)	The registered owner of the fee interest in registered
11	land may	submit a written request to the assistant registrar to
12	deregiste	the land under this chapter. Any written request for
13	deregistra	ation shall include proof of title insurance in the
14	amount of	the value of the land to be deregistered and a written
15	waiver of	all claims against the State relating to the title to
16	the land a	arising after the date of deregistration.
17	(b)	The certificate of title for each fee time share
18	interest s	shall be canceled effective as of the date and time of
19	deregistra	ation of such fee time share interest. Notwithstanding
20	the provis	sions of section 501-261 in existence prior to July 1,
21	2012, a fe	ee time share interest for which a certificate of title
22	was not re	ecorded in the bureau of conveyances pursuant to
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1	chapter 5	02 and part II of this chapter prior to July 1, 2012,
2	shall be	deregistered on July 1, 2012, at 12:01 a.m.
3	<u>(1)</u>	Beginning on July 1, 2012, and continuing for so long
4		as shall be reasonably necessary in the ordinary
5		course of business, the assistant registrar shall:
6		(A) Note on the certificate of title for each fee
7		time share interest all documents and instruments
8		affecting the fee time interest:
9		(i) That were or are registered as of a date and
10		time prior to the date and time of
11		deregistration of the fee time share
12		interest; and
13		(ii) That were not yet noted on the certificate
14		of title of the fee time share interest as
15		of the date and time of deregistration
16		thereof; and
17		(B) Certify each certificate of title.
18	(2)	Section 501-196 shall apply to a certificate of title
19		updated pursuant to paragraph (1) upon approval of the
20		same by the assistant registrar, which approval shall
21		be evidenced by a certification of the assistant
22		registrar endorsed upon the certificate of title. A

1		certificate of title for a fee time share interest,
2		including but not limited to a certificate of title
3		recorded prior to July 1, 2012, pursuant to part II of
4		this chapter 501, shall not be considered completed or
5		approved, and shall be subject to modification by the
6		assistant registrar, at any time prior to
7		certification thereof by the assistant registrar.
8		Subsequent to the certification, the certificate of
9		title for a fee time share interest may only be
10		modified pursuant to section 501-196 or as otherwise
11		provided in this chapter.
12	(3)	Upon certification of the certificate of title for a
13		fee time share interest by the assistant registrar,
14		the assistant registrar shall mark the certificate of
15		title "cancelled", note the cancellation of the
16		certificate of title in the registration book, and
17		notify the court of the cancellation. Regardless of
18		the date upon which such administrative acts are
19		performed, the cancellation of the certificate of
20		title for a fee time share interest shall be effective
21		as of the date and time of deregistration of that fee
22	•	time share interest.

1	(4)	If only part of the land described in the certificate
2		of title consists of a fee time share interest, then
3		upon the petition of the registered owner of that
4		portion of the registered land not constituting a fee
5		time share interest, a new certificate of title shall
6		be issued to such owner for that portion of the
7		registered land not constituting a fee time share
8		interest. If registered land is held in the
9		condominium form of ownership, then for purposes of
10		this subsection each unit for which a separate
11		certificate of title has been issued shall be treated
12		as if it were a separate parcel of registered land.
13	(5)	Except as provided in paragraph (4), no order of court
14		shall be required prior to or in connection with the
15		performance of any of the foregoing actions."
16	SECT	ION 5. Section 501-262, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17	amended to	o read as follows:
18	"[+]:	§501-262[] Effect of deregistration. (a) [Upon the
19	recordati	on in the bureau of conveyances of a certificate of
20	title pur	suant to section 501-261: From and after the date and
21	time of de	eregistration of registered land:

1	(1)	The deregistered land shall no longer be registered
2		land for purposes of this chapter;
3	(2)	No instruments, documents, or papers relating solely
4		to deregistered land shall be filed or recorded with
5		the assistant registrar pursuant to this chapter, but
6		shall instead be recorded in the bureau of conveyances
7		pursuant to chapter 502; and
8	(3)	Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
9		chapter, chapter 502 shall apply to the deregistered
10		land.
11	(b)	[Recordation of a certificate of title] Neither
12	voluntary	deregistration of land other than a fee time share
13	interest	pursuant to section 501-261 nor the mandatory
14	deregistr	ation of any fee time share interest pursuant to part
15	II of thi	s chapter, whether by recordation of a certificate of
16	title in	the bureau of conveyances prior to July 1, 2012, or by
17	operation	of law thereafter, shall [not] disturb the effect of
18	any proce	edings in the land court where the question of title
19	has been	determined. All proceedings had in connection with the
20	registrat	ion of title that relate to the settlement or
21	determina	tion of title before [that recording,] a certificate of
22	title for	land other than a fee time share interest is recorded

- 1 pursuant to section 501-261 or a certificate of title for a fee
- 2 time share interest is certified and all provisions of this
- 3 chapter that relate to the status of the title, shall have
- 4 continuing force and effect with respect to the period of time
- 5 that title remained under the land court system. Those
- 6 provisions giving rise to a right of action for compensation
- 7 from the State, including any limits on and conditions to the
- 8 recovery of compensation and the State's rights of subrogation
- 9 with respect thereto, shall also continue in force and effect
- 10 with respect to the period of time that title remained under the
- 11 land court system."
- 12 SECTION 6. Section 501-264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 14 "(a) A certificate of title for land other than a fee time
- 15 share interest recorded pursuant to section 501-261, or
- 16 certified by the assistant registrar in the case of a fee time
- 17 share interest, shall constitute a new chain of record title in
- 18 the registered owner of any estate or interest as shown on the
- 19 certificate of title so recorded[τ] or certified, subject only
- 20 to the following:

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(1)	The estates, mortgages, liens, charges, instruments,
	documents, and papers noted on the certificate of
	title so recorded[+] or certified;

- (2) Liens, claims, or rights arising or existing under the laws or Constitution of the United States, which the statutes of this State cannot require to appear of record in the registry; provided that notices of liens for internal revenue taxes payable to the United States, and certificates affecting the liens, shall be deemed to fall within this paragraph only if the same are recorded in the bureau of conveyances as provided by chapter 505;
- and improvements covered by the certificate of title
 as recorded[-] or certified, with interest, penalties,
 and other additions to the tax, which, unless a notice
 is filed and registered as provided by county real
 property tax ordinance, shall be for the period of
 three years from and after the date on which the lien
 attached, and if proceedings for the enforcement or
 foreclosure of the tax lien are brought within the

1		period, until the termination of the proceedings or
2		the completion of the tax sale;
3	(4)	State tax liens, if the same are recorded in the
4		bureau of conveyances as provided by section 231-33;
5	(5)	Any public highway, or any private way laid out under
ŧ 6		the provisions of law, when the certificate of title
7		does not state that the boundary of the way has been
8		determined;
9	(6)	Any lease, coupled with occupancy, for a term not
10		exceeding one year; provided that the priority of the
11		unrecorded lease shall attach only at the date of the
12		commencement of the unrecorded lease and expire one
13		year from the date or sooner if so expressed;
14	(7)	Any liability to assessments for betterments, or
15		statutory liability that may attach to land as a lier
16		prior to or independent of, the recording or
17		registering of any paper of the possibility of a lier
18		for labor or material furnished in the improvement of
19		the land; provided that the priority of any liability
20		and the lien therefor (other than for labor and
21		material furnished in the improvement of the land,

which shall be governed by section 507-43) shall cease

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1		and terminate three years after the liability first
2		accrues unless notice thereof, signed by the officer
3		charged with collection of the assessments or
4		liability, setting forth the amount claimed, the date
5		of accrual, and the land affected, is recorded in the
6		bureau of conveyances pursuant to chapter 502 within
7		the three-year period; and provided further that if
8		there are easements or other rights, appurtenant to a
9		parcel of deregistered land, which for any reason have
10		failed to be deregistered, the easements or rights
11		shall remain so appurtenant notwithstanding the
12		failure, and shall be held to pass with the
13		deregistered land until cut off or extinguished in any
14.		lawful manner;
15	(8)	The possibility of reversal or vacation of the decree
16		of registration upon appeal;
17	(9)	Any encumbrance not required to be registered as
18		provided in sections 501-241 to 501-248 and relating
19	•	to a leasehold time share interest or leasehold
20		interest in deregistered land; and
21	(10)	Child support liens that are created pursuant to order
22		or judgment filed through judicial or administrative

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1	proceeding in this State or in any other state, the
2	recording of which shall be as provided by chapter
3	576D."
4	SECTION 7. Section 502-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5	amended to read as follows:
6	"§502-33 Identification of reference to registration of
7	original. [The] (a) If the owner of a fee time share interest
8	acquired title thereto pursuant to a deed or other instrument
9	filed or recorded in the land court pursuant to chapter 501,
10	then the registrar need not accept for recording any deed,
11	mortgage, or other voluntary instrument purporting to convey or
12	affect title to such fee time share interest unless the deed,
13	mortgage, or other voluntary instrument contains a reference to
14	the certificate of title number by which the owner of the fee
15	time share interest acquired title thereto. The term "fee time
16	share interest" as used in this subsection shall have the same
17	meaning as in section 501-20.
18	(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), the
19	registrar shall not record any instrument requiring a reference
20	to a prior recorded instrument, unless the same contains a
21	reference to the book and page or document number of the
22	registration of the original recorded instrument or a statement

- 1 that the original instrument is unrecorded, as the case may be.
- 2 Except as otherwise provided, every judgment shall contain or
- 3 have endorsed on it the State of Hawaii general excise taxpayer
- 4 identification number, the federal employer identification
- 5 number, or the last four digits only of the social security
- 6 number for persons, corporations, partnerships, or other
- 7 entities against whom the judgment is rendered. If the judgment
- 8 debtor has no social security number, State of Hawaii general
- 9 excise taxpayer identification number, or federal employer
- 10 identification number, or if that information is not in the
- 11 possession of the party seeking registration of the judgment,
- 12 the judgment shall be accompanied by a certificate that provides
- 13 that the information does not exist or is not in the possession
- 14 of the party seeking registration of the judgment. Failure to
- 15 disclose or disclosure of an incorrect social security number,
- 16 State of Hawaii general excise taxpayer identification number,
- 17 or federal employer identification number shall not in any way
- 18 adversely affect or impair the lien created upon registration of
- 19 the judgment. No amendment, continuation statement, termination
- 20 statement, statement of assignment, or statement of release
- 21 relating to security interests in goods which are or are to
- 22 become fixtures shall be filed unless it complies with the

- 1 requirements of part 5 of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial
- 2 Code. This section does not apply to any document mentioned
- 3 herein executed prior to April 13, 1915.
- 4 The party seeking registration of a judgment shall redact
- 5 the first five digits of any social security number by blocking
- 6 the numbers out on the copy of the judgment to be filed or
- 7 recorded."
- 8 SECTION 8. Section 657-33.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- "[+]\$657-33.5[+] Deregistered land. In no event shall the
- 11 period of limitations provided in this part begin prior to the
- 12 [recordation of the certificate of title] date and time of
- 13 deregistration for deregistered land. The terms "date and time
- 14 of deregistration" and "deregistered land" as used in this
- 15 section shall have the same meaning as in section 501-20."
- 16 SECTION 9. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 18 SECTION 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

APPROVED this 15 day of JUN, 2012

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII