

SB2660

Measure Title: RELATING TO BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES.

Report Title: Deregistration; Bureau of Conveyances; Fee Non-time Share Interests

Description: Removes the sunset date of Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, as amended, thereby making permanent the voluntary deregistration process for fee non-time share interests.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

Introducer(s): BAKER, ENGLISH, ESPERO, KEITH-AGARAN, KIDANI, TOKUDA, Ihara, Shimabukuro

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH**

**Monday, February 1, 2016
9:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2660, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES**

Senate Bill 2660 proposes to remove the sunset date of Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, as amended, relating to the deregistration of fee non-time share interests thereby making permanent the voluntary deregistration process for fee non-time share interests. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department notes that since the inception on July 1, 2011 of the ability for landowners to deregister heir land from land court, there have been nearly 200 voluntary deregistrations of land from Land Court.



February 1, 2016

TO: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION
AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice-Chair

FR: Henry Perez, President – via Blake Oshiro, Executive Director
American Resort Development Association

RE: S.B. 2660 Relating to Bureau of Conveyances
Position: Support

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and members,

The American Resort Development Association (ARDA) Hawaii, the local chapter of the national timeshare trade association, supports Senate Bill (SB) 2660 which proposes to remove the December 30, 2016 sunset date of 2013's Act 119 and 2014's Act 47.

In 2007, a joint legislative investigative committee established pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 226, identified serious shortcomings relating to the bureau of conveyances' operations recognizing that automation of certain functions in the bureau of conveyances may address one of the major underlying problems: work backlog.

Thus, in 2009, Act 120, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, provided for the voluntary deregistration of land registered in the land court system and established a procedure to move these transactions to the regular system in the bureau of conveyances. Act 119, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, separated the deregistration of time share interests from the voluntary deregistration of other lands and made the deregistration of time share interests mandatory and permanent. However, the December 31, 2014, repeal date for voluntary deregistration and transfer of fee non-time share interests remained in place. Act 47 Session Laws of Hawaii 2014 extended that sunset to December 31, 2016.

The purpose of this bill is to remove the sunset on Act 47 and make that law permanent. ARDA supports this change as long as there is no change to the existing permanent law and provisions related to time share interests.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2660.