

HB
1359

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISCAL BIENNIUM 2019-2021 BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1 **PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish
3 additional amounts to be appropriated or authorized for the
4 operating budget for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2019,
5 and ending June 30, 2021, for certain state executive branch
6 programs under the purview of the house of representatives
7 standing committee on consumer protection and commerce.

8 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise clear from the
9 context, as used in this Act:

10 "Expending agency" means the department of land and natural
11 resources.

12 Abbreviations, where used to denote the expending agency or
13 a house of representatives standing committee, shall mean the
14 following:

15 CPC House of representatives standing committee on
16 consumer protection and commerce



1 LNR Department of land and natural resources

2 "Means of financing" or "MOF" means the source from which
3 funds are appropriated or authorized to be expended for the
4 programs and projects specified in this Act. All appropriations
5 are followed by letter symbols. The letter symbols, where used,
6 shall have the following meanings:

7 B Special funds

8 "Program ID" means the unique identifier for the specific
9 program and consists of the abbreviation for the organization
10 responsible for carrying out the program followed by the
11 organization number for the program.

12 **PART II. PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS**

13 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. The following sums, or so much
14 thereof as may be sufficient to accomplish the purposes and
15 programs designated herein, are hereby appropriated or
16 authorized, as the case may be, from the means of financing
17 specified to the expending agency designated for the fiscal
18 biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The
19 total expenditures in each fiscal year of the biennium shall not
20 exceed the sums indicated for each fiscal year, except as
21 provided elsewhere in this Act or as provided by general law.



PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS			
				FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021	M O F
1		CPC - CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE					
2	1.	LNR111 - CONVEYANCES AND RECORDINGS					
3		OPERATING	LNR	830,939B		1,330,939B	
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H.B. NO. 1359

Report Title:

State Operating Budget; DLNR Programs; LNR111; CPC

Description:

Appropriates funds for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of the Department of Land and Natural Resources conveyances and recordings program under the purview of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

**Thursday, January 31, 2019
2:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1359
RELATING TO FISCAL BIENNIUM 2019-2021 BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Bill 1359 proposes to appropriate funds for the Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Bureau of Conveyances' (Bureau) LNR111 – Conveyances and Recordings program. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this bill.**

Overview of Bureau of Conveyances

The Bureau's mission is to serve and protect the public by providing for an accurate, timely and permanent system of recording, maintaining, and preserving land title recordings and related documents and maps. The Bureau's daily operations, revenues and expenses are directly impacted by the volume of recordings which is largely dependent upon real estate market conditions and the overall health of the Hawaii and national economy.

Bureau Funding Structure

The Bureau receives no general fund appropriations. The Bureau of Conveyances Special Fund is the primary source for the Bureau's program, as established by Chapter 502-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The primary source of funding for the Bureau comes from the recording fees assessed to each document brought in for recordation. The Bureau has recorded an annual average of 310,000 documents in the past three fiscal years. Revenues from the document recording fees, certified copies and miscellaneous user fees totaled \$7.01M in Fiscal Year 2018. For Fiscal year 2019, the Bureau is anticipating a nominal increase in revenues based upon best projections of volumes for the various Bureau services.

Bureau Base Budget and “Add-On” Requests

Base Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019: \$6,848,148.

Number of Positions

The Bureau currently has authorization for 58 permanent positions and 3 temporary position, see attached for current organization chart.

Number of Vacancies

The Bureau has nine vacancies. Of those vacancies, three are temporary positions and six are civil service positions. Three of the nine positions have been vacant for six months or less. The Bureau has authority to hire for all the vacant positions.

Requests for FB 2019-2021

The Bureau is requesting an expenditure ceiling increase of \$750,000 in FY 2020 and \$750,000 in FY 2021 to continue the digitization and image enhancement and preservation of recorded documents and to provide secure accessibility of those images for internal users and the public.

The Bureau is also requesting an expenditure ceiling increase of \$500,000 in FY 2021 for partial restoration and preservation of reference books, management system for the map collections and technology improvements to better serve all users of the Public Reference Room resources.

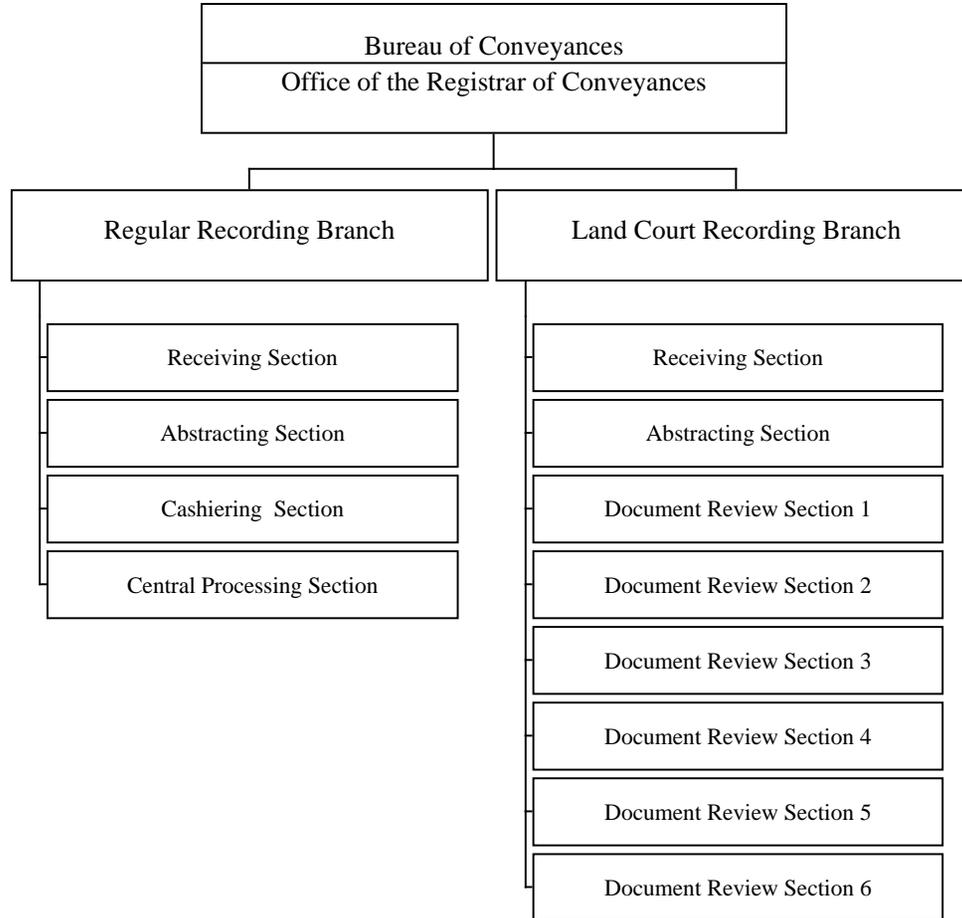
The Bureau is requesting a ceiling increase of \$80,939 in FY 2020 and \$80,939 in FY 2021 for fringe benefit adjustment.

Summary

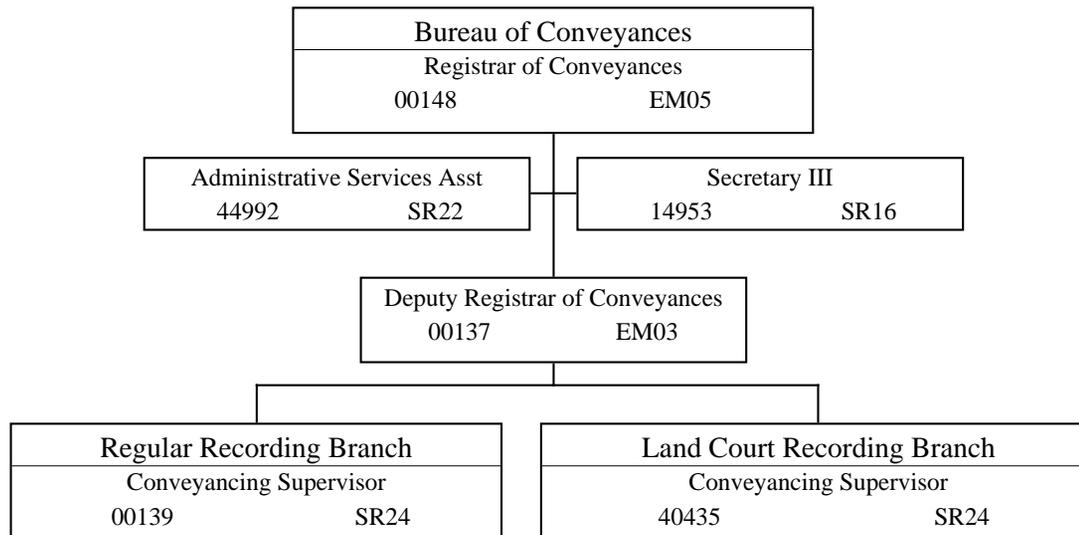
This bill will provide key ceiling appropriation increases so the Bureau can maintain its focus on the multi-phase digitization efforts for the land documents and map collections in its custody. These digitized records will be the building blocks for proper archiving and preservation of these records, increased and secure accessibility to the content by Bureau systems and the Web and ultimately to ensure mobility of this data. This bill will also allow the Bureau to start a multi-year program to restore historical and cultural records in our Public Reference Room while bringing additional technological advances to service the public more effectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

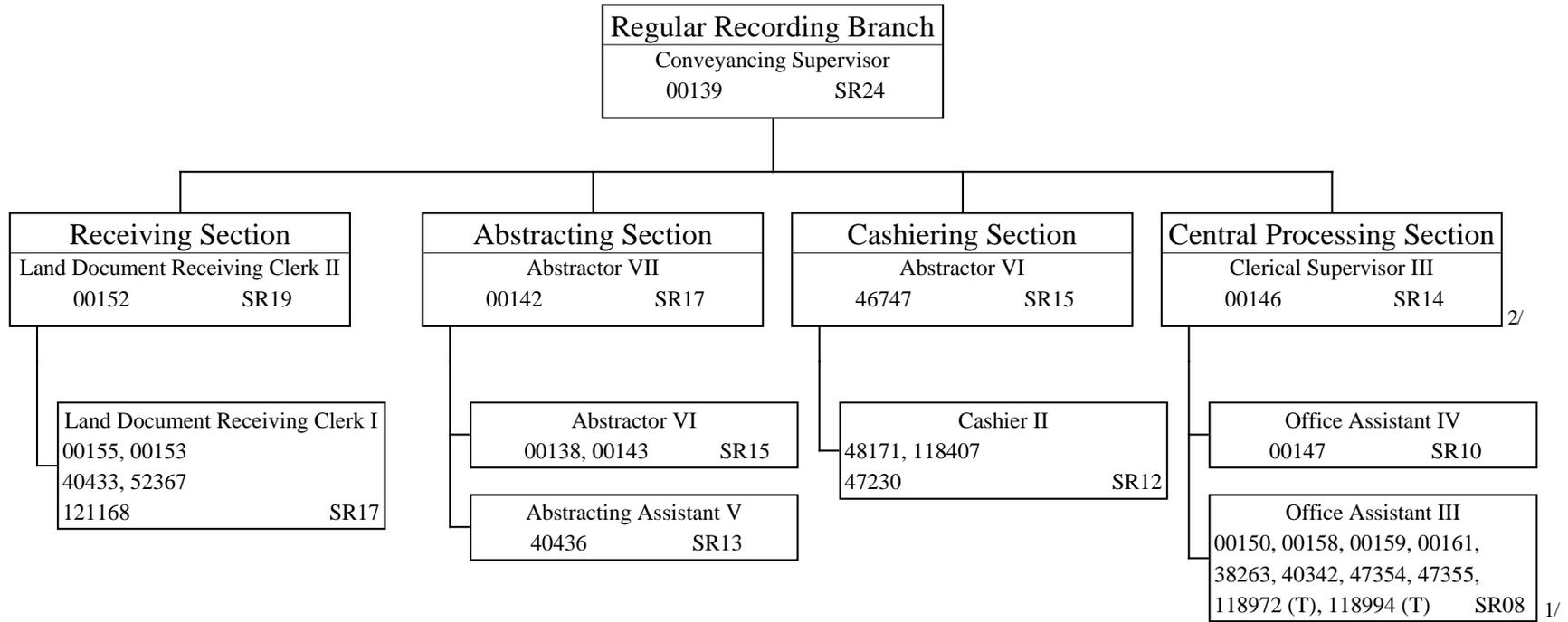
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Land and Natural Resources
Bureau of Conveyances
Position Organization Chart



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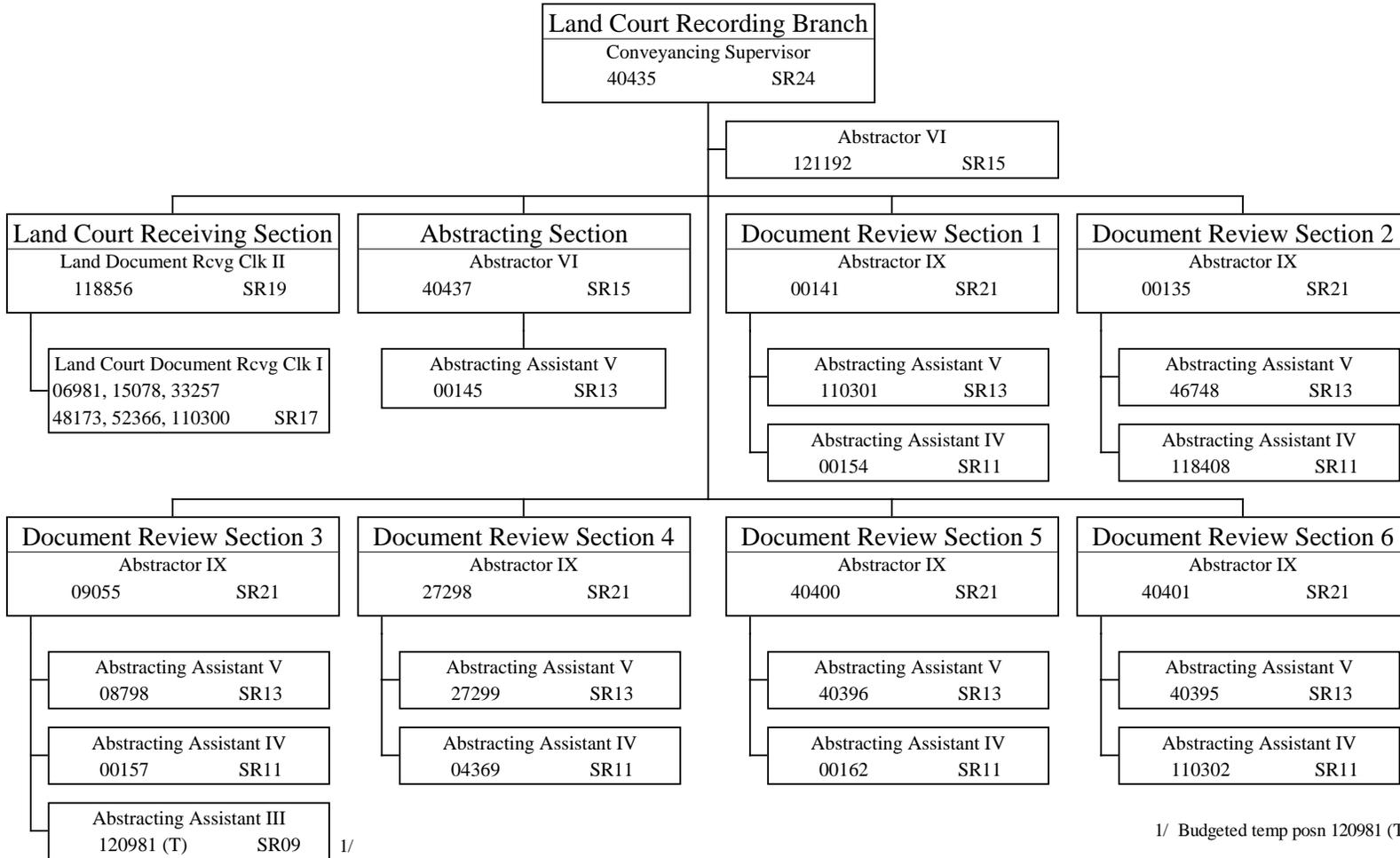


State of Hawaii
 Department of Land and Natural Resources
 Bureau of Conveyances
 Regular Recording Branch
 Position Organization Chart



1/ Budgeted temp posns 118972 (T), 118994 (T) NTE 06-30-17.
 2/ Redesc posn 00146 effective 03-31-17.

State of Hawaii
 Department of Land and Natural Resources
 Bureau of Conveyances
 Land Court Recording Branch
 Position Organization Chart



1/ Budgeted temp posn 120981 (T) NTE 06-30-17.