STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3750

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 5 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2481

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TIME SHARE COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS."

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal chapter 503B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which governs the Time Share Commissioners of Deeds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee finds that, to increase the efficiency and convenience for foreign buyers to purchase local time share properties and boost the State's tourism industry, Act 277, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, codified as chapter 503B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the Lieutenant Governor to appoint time share commissioners of deeds to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, proofs of deeds, and other foreign instruments in connection with the execution of conveyance documents relating to time share properties in the State. According to testimony received by your Committee, there are no discernable records of any Lieutenant Governor appointing any commissioners of deeds or the adoption of any administrative rules pursuant to chapter 503B,

Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee additionally finds that Act 54, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, updated and conformed state law regarding notaries public and current notary practices to address notarial acts performed for remotely located individuals, including foreign buyers of local time share properties. This measure therefore eliminates any statutory redundancy regarding the ability of foreign buyers to execute certain documents to purchase time share properties in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

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The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

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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	
RHOADS, Karl (C)			,			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)		V/				
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.						
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy	Α.					
AWA, Brenton						
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TOTAL		4			1	
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designed's Signature:						
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