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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND COURT.

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

1           SECTION 1. Beginning January 1,           , no new applications  
2 for registration of title shall be made or accepted in the land  
3 court, pursuant to part I of chapter 501, Hawaii Revised  
4 Statutes.

5           SECTION 2. No later than December 31,           , all registered  
6 owners of an interest in property registered in the land court  
7 shall initiate deregistration of the property pursuant to part  
8 II of chapter 501, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

9           SECTION 3. The land court shall inform all registered  
10 owners of any interest in property registered in land court of  
11 the requirement under section 2 of this Act.

12           SECTION 4. The subpart entitled "Land Court; Personnel",  
13 of part I of chapter 501, Hawaii Revised Statutes, consisting of  
14 sections 501-1 to 501-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is repealed.

15           SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 and



1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
2 year 2026-2027 for the land court to inform registered owners of  
3 any interest in property registered in land court of the  
4 requirement for deregistration of property pursuant to this Act.

5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the land court  
6 for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 6. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of  
8 the land court are transferred to the bureau of conveyances.  
9 All employees who occupy civil service positions and whose  
10 functions are transferred to the bureau of conveyances by this  
11 Act shall retain their civil service status, whether permanent  
12 or temporary. Employees shall be transferred without loss of  
13 salary, seniority (except as prescribed by applicable collective  
14 bargaining agreements), retention points, prior service credit,  
15 any vacation and sick leave credits previously earned, and other  
16 rights, benefits, and privileges, in accordance with state  
17 personnel laws and this Act; provided that the employees possess  
18 the minimum qualifications and public employment requirements  
19 for the class or position to which transferred or appointed, as  
20 applicable; provided further that subsequent changes in status



1 may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and  
2 compensation laws.

3 Any employee who, prior to this Act, is exempt from civil  
4 service and is transferred as a consequence of this Act may  
5 retain the employee's exempt status but shall not be appointed  
6 to a civil service position as a consequence of this Act. An  
7 exempt employee who is transferred by this Act shall not suffer  
8 any loss of prior service credit, vacation or sick leave credits  
9 previously earned, or other employee benefits or privileges as a  
10 consequence of this Act; provided that the employees possess  
11 legal and public employment requirements for the position to  
12 which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided further  
13 that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to  
14 applicable employment and compensation laws. The chairperson of  
15 the board of land and natural resources may prescribe the duties  
16 and qualifications of these employees and fix their salaries  
17 without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

18 SECTION 7. All appropriations, records, equipment,  
19 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,  
20 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,  
21 acquired, or held by the land court relating to the functions



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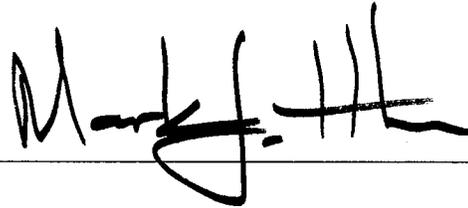
1 transferred to the department of land and natural resources  
2 shall be transferred with the functions to which they relate.

3 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025;  
4 provided that sections 4, 6, and 7 shall take effect on June 30,

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# H.B. NO. 660

**Report Title:**

Land Court; Bureau of Conveyances; Repeal; Real Property; Appropriation

**Description:**

Repeals the Land Court. Requires registered owners of an interest in property registered in land court to deregister their interest. Requires the land court to inform registered owners of the requirement to deregister. Appropriates moneys.

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