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GOVERNOR  
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GOV. MSG. NO. 1179

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 3, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 3, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 3067, S.D. 1, H.D. 1,  
C.D. 1

RELATING TO RECORDS.  
**ACT 079**

Mahalo,

Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 3 2026

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 079**  
**S.B. NO. 3067**  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RECORDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 502-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

3 "(d) On receipt for recordation of a transfer or separate  
4 description document concerning a lot in a subdivision, the  
5 registrar shall accept and file the document with:

6 (1) A metes and bounds description, either solely or as  
7 part of the document; and

8 (2) A county certified plat map, unless the land is being  
9 deregistered pursuant to part II of chapter 501[~~+~~and

10 ~~(3) A letter from a licensed professional surveyor,~~  
11 ~~certifying that the metes and bounds description~~  
12 ~~conforms to the accompanying plat map].~~

13 The document shall otherwise comply with the requirements  
14 for recordation under this section. Any parcel created or  
15 subdivided before the effective date of the subdivision laws of  
16 the respective counties is exempt from the provisions of this  
17 subsection.



1 (e) For checking the survey and plan as to form and  
2 mathematical correctness, the department shall charge [~~\$2 an~~  
3 ~~hour~~] a fee pursuant to rules adopted by the department of  
4 accounting and general services, and shall require the owner of  
5 the land to deposit the [~~estimated~~] cost thereof before [~~making~~  
6 ~~such check.~~] approving the survey and plan."

7 SECTION 2. Section 502-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "**§502-18 Description; lot subdivisions.** A metes and  
10 bounds description of the exterior boundaries of the parcel or  
11 parcels of land sought to be registered as a file plan shall be  
12 written upon the plan, or printed or typewritten on unruled good  
13 quality white paper 11 inches long by 8 1/2 inches wide and  
14 shall be filed [~~in duplicate~~] with the file plan. The metes and  
15 bounds description shall be dated and signed by the licensed  
16 professional surveyor making the field survey, or under whose  
17 supervision the field survey was executed. If the land sought  
18 to be registered as a file plan is being deregistered pursuant  
19 to part II of chapter 501, the metes and bounds description  
20 shall be dated and signed by the licensed professional surveyor  
21 making the file plan, or under whose supervision the file plan



1 was made. The boundaries of the land platted shall be described  
2 as running from left to right (clockwise) and the azimuth system  
3 shall be used in designating the courses of the survey with zero  
4 or 360 degrees at due South; 90 degrees at due West; 180 degrees  
5 at due North; 270 degrees at due East. Any printed or  
6 typewritten description filed separately with the file plan  
7 shall be recorded in the registry system and the book and page  
8 or document number thereof noted on the file plan. Expense of  
9 recordation shall be charged to the owner. The initial point in  
10 the description shall clearly show the connection with the  
11 government triangulation system. All outside corners of the  
12 tract shall be substantially marked by monuments in the ground,  
13 where practicable; unless the land is being deregistered  
14 pursuant to part II of chapter 501. In all cases where tracts  
15 of land are subdivided into lots, with the intention of  
16 conveying separate lots by lot number and reference to the plat,  
17 it is necessary to show the true azimuths and lengths of all  
18 principal lines and the lot areas. A sufficient number of  
19 durable monuments shall be placed in the ground so as to  
20 accurately identify each lot, unless the land is being  
21 deregistered pursuant to part II of chapter 501. Any lands



1 being deregistered pursuant to part II of chapter 501 shall not  
2 subdivide or consolidate when registering as a file plan[ ~~and~~  
3 ~~only contiguous parcels shall be shown on the same plan~~]. Only  
4 contiguous parcels shall be shown on the same plan unless the  
5 department of accounting and general services determines that an  
6 exception would be appropriate."

7 SECTION 3. Section 502-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "**S502-19 Plans on [~~tracing cloth,~~] tangible medium; size;**  
10 **scale.** All plans [~~must~~] shall be on [~~tracing cloth of good~~  
11 ~~quality,~~] a tangible medium of good quality, approved by the  
12 department of accounting and general services, and shall be of  
13 one of the following sizes, the figures indicating inches: 10 x  
14 15; 15 x 21; 21 x 32; 30 x 36; 36 x 42; or [~~42, 48, or 54~~] 36  
15 wide without restriction as to length; which plans shall be  
16 prepared and drawn according to [~~some~~] one of the following  
17 scales: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600,  
18 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, [~~or~~] 5000, or 6000 feet to an inch."

19 SECTION 4. Section 502-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
20 amended to read as follows:



1           "**§502-20 New maps for old.** The registrar [~~at such times~~  
2 ~~when the original tracings of]~~ shall forward filed plans and  
3 land court maps on file in the bureau of conveyances[~~7]~~ to the  
4 department of accounting and general services, when the original  
5 tracings of the plans or maps are found to be in [such] the  
6 condition that satisfactory [~~blueprint]~~ copies thereof cannot be  
7 made[~~, shall forward any such map or plan to the department of~~  
8 ~~accounting and general services of the State]~~, with the request  
9 that another [~~tracing]~~ copy of good quality thereof be made.  
10 The department, on receipt of the request and map or plan, shall  
11 prepare another [~~tracing]~~ copy thereof[~~, and shall]~~ on a  
12 tangible medium of good quality, certify that the same is a true  
13 copy of the original on file in the bureau of conveyances, and  
14 [~~shall]~~ file the same[~~, together with two certified blueprint~~  
15 ~~copies,~~] with the registrar[~~. Any such~~]; provided that any  
16 certified [~~tracing]~~ copy of a map or plan shall thereafter be  
17 regarded for all purposes as the original."

18           SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

20           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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APPROVED this 3rd day of June , 2026





GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I**

Date: May 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026.

  
President of the Senate

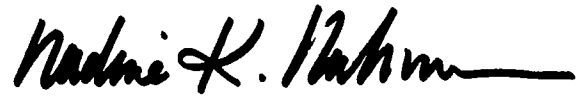
  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 3067, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 6, 2026  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives