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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the bureau of  
2 conveyances handles about four hundred thousand recordations a  
3 year; however, presently the bureau of conveyances is overloaded  
4 and there is a backlog that is delaying the processing of  
5 property titles and land transactions. Title companies are  
6 complaining of eighteen-month waits for the return of documents  
7 affirming titles.

8           The bureau of conveyances is clearly in need of more staff  
9 positions. The legislature is further informed that the bureau  
10 of conveyances could use a new computer server with more storage  
11 capacity, along with an in-house information technology  
12 specialist.

13           The purpose of this Act is to raise the maximum amount that  
14 can be kept in the bureau of conveyance special fund to allow  
15 for the creation of more staff positions and the purchase of  
16 equipment.

17           SECTION 2. Section 502-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
18 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:



1           "(c) All moneys in excess of [~~\$500,000~~] \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 remaining on balance in the bureau of conveyances special fund  
 3 on June 30 of each year shall lapse to the credit of the state  
 4 general fund. On July 1 of each year, the director of finance  
 5 is authorized to transfer any excess funds in the bureau of  
 6 conveyances special fund to the state general fund."

7           SECTION 3. Utilizing moneys in the bureau of conveyances  
 8 special fund, the bureau of conveyances shall:

- 9           (1) Add staff positions, including one position for an  
 10 information technology specialist; and  
 11           (2) Additional equipment, to include but not be limited to  
 12 a new computer server to provide added information  
 13 storage capacity.

14           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

Bureau of Conveyances

**Description:**

Raises the maximum amount that can be in the bureau of conveyances special fund before transferring excess to general fund.

