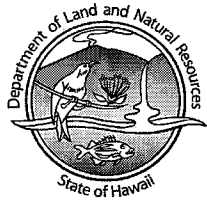


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Senate Concurrent Resolution 232 - REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE BUREAU TO INVESTIGATE AND DEVELOP FEASIBILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION MODELS REGARDING MERGING THE LAND COURT AND REGULAR SYSTEMS, REASSIGNING THE BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES TO ANOTHER STATE DEPARTMENT, AND PRIVATIZING CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 4, 2008

Senate Concurrent Resolution 232 requests the Legislative Reference Bureau to investigate and develop feasibility and implementation models regarding merging the Land Court and Regular Systems, reassigning the Bureau of Conveyances (Bureau) to another state department, and privatizing certain functions of the Bureau. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) does not agree that another study is necessary in light of past studies that have been conducted by the Office of the Legislative Auditor and by Ho'ike Consulting that contained similar recommendations.

The Department instead, strongly supports contents of the Administration's proposal, House Bill 3171 Relating to the Land Court System that allows timeshare transactions to be recorded only in the regular system and to allow land owners to opt out of the Land Court system and the House Draft 2 of House Bill 2302, Relating To Real Property, that allows the Bureau to accept documents in an electronic format and to archive documents in a digital format. The Department strongly urges agreement by the Senate and the House of Representatives to change the law to improve the operations of the Bureau.

An additional study will only result in further delays and will adversely impact the general public.