

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1263

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 521
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred S.B. No. 521, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enable more accurate real property tax assessments by requiring the Registrar of the Bureau of Conveyances (Registrar) to transmit to the Administrator of the Real Property Assessment Division of the City and County of Honolulu (Honolulu Assessment Division), without charge and on a weekly basis, an image and index of all instruments and documents relating to land in all counties that were recorded with the Registrar during the previous week. This bill also:

- (1) Requires the Administrator of the Honolulu Assessment Division to provide copies of the images, without charge, to the real property assessment administrators of the other counties; and
- (2) Allows the Administrator of the Honolulu Assessment Division to impose a charge to provide images or other information to parties other than the counties.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources opposed this bill. The Honolulu Assessment Division submitted comments.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) In lieu of the Administrator of the Honolulu Assessment Division, requiring the image and index of documents to be transmitted to the county designated to act as the central clearinghouse in a memorandum of understanding agreed upon by the counties, provided that the central clearinghouse deliver the images and index to the other counties without charge;
- (2) Removing the provision allowing the Assistant Registrar to transmit the image and index after the specified deadline for transmittal;
- (3) Allowing the image and index to be transmitted by the Assistant Registrar electronically;
- (4) Deleting the provision allowing the Administrator of the Honolulu Assessment Division to impose a charge to provide images or other information to parties other than the counties; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 521, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 521, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,



KEN ITO, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 521 SD2	Committee Referral: WLO, FIN	Date: 3/23/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WLO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida				✓
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
5. CHONG, Pono				✓
6. COFFMAN, Denny	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. LEE, Chris	✓			
9. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
10. MORITA, Hermina M.	✓			
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.	✓			
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (13)	11			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted ¹ If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>K. O. H.</i>				
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