

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1264

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 522
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. 522, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to enable more accurate real property tax assessments by requiring the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court (Assistant 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 documents relating to registered land in all counties recorded with the Assistant Registrar during the previous week. This bill also 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.

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

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

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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 in the case of unforeseen technical computer malfunction; and
- (3) 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. 522, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 522, 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



