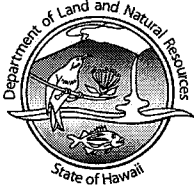


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**Before the Senate Committee on
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**Thursday, February 26, 2009
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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 522, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO LAND COURT**

Senate Bill 522, Senate Draft 1 proposes that the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court be required to provide to the Administrator of the Real Property Assessment Division of the City and County of Honolulu, an image and index of all documents relating to registered land recorded in the Office of the Assistant Registrar. Further, this information is to be provided within ten days of the week of recording and without charge. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) is opposed to this bill.

Currently, the Assistant Registrar has been meeting with the Administrator of the Real Property Assessment Division of the City and County of Honolulu to develop a process of transmitting the images and index information. Even though the Office of the Assistant Registrar does not require the tax map key numbers to be captured, the City and County of Honolulu requests the tax map key number to be included with the index information. In an effort to work toward a common goal of providing information to the City and County of Honolulu, the staff of the Assistant Registrar has begun inputting the tax map key numbers.

The Department believes this is unnecessary legislation. The Office of the Assistant Registrar and the Administrator of the Real Property Assessment Division of the City and County of Honolulu should be able to accomplish this transfer of information through a continued effort of working together to achieve this goal.

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