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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING MEASURES TO EXPEDITE PROCEDURES IN THE LAND COURT AND  
REDUCE THE BACKLOG OF CASES.

1           WHEREAS, the Bureau of Conveyances (Bureau) is responsible  
2 for maintaining a permanent record system for the receipt of  
3 deeds, plans, maps, and any and all instruments and documents  
4 that relate to or are connected with any interest in real  
5 property within the State; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the Bureau, which includes the Regular System and  
8 the Land Court, was investigated in 2007 by a Joint Senate-House  
9 Investigative Committee, pursuant to Senate Concurrent  
10 Resolution No. 226; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the joint Senate-House Investigative Committee in  
13 2007 found that the Land Court was a year-and-a-half behind in  
14 providing current and updated certificates of title; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the Committee also found that the work backlog in  
17 respect to indexing documents and opening the Land Court mail  
18 was a long-standing problem at the Bureau; and  
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20           WHEREAS, in 2009, the Legislature passed Act 120 to reduce  
21 the backlog at the Bureau; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the Land Court system was designed to process  
24 single, consecutive ownership interests and not multiple,  
25 simultaneous interests in a single parcel of land, thus the  
26 development of time share interests was identified as a source  
27 of the considerable backlog; and  
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29           WHEREAS, the measure removed time share interests from Land  
30 Court registration and authorized the Registrar at the Bureau to  
31 accept electronic documents for the Regular System; and  
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33           WHEREAS, despite the Legislature's efforts in identifying  
34 the problems in the Bureau and the measures taken to resolve  
35 these problems, there remains a significant backlog in the Land  
36 Court; now, therefore,



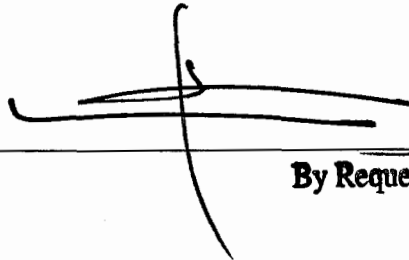
# S.R. NO. 54

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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
4 that the Bureau is requested to take measures to expedite  
5 procedures in the Land Court and reduce the backlog of cases;  
6 and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of Land  
10 and Natural Resources and the Registrar of the Bureau of  
11 Conveyances.

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**By Request**

