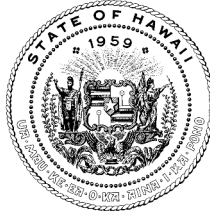


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**SB956**

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**Before the Senate Committee on  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Friday, February 13, 2009  
1:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of  
Senate Bill 956  
RELATING TO COPIES IN THE BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES**

Senate Bill 956 would allow the Bureau of Conveyances (Bureau) and the Office of the Assistant Registrar to archive all records in a digital format. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this administration bill.

Presently, the records are allowed to be stored in photographic or electrostatic copy only. In order to improve efficiency and avoid duplication of functions at the Bureau, it is critical to allow the records to be scanned and stored in an electronic format. This bill will allow the Bureau to eliminate the step to microfilm the documents which will offer a faster return of original documents to the public.

The Department strongly urges passage of this Administration bill.

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Testimony by  
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February 13, 2008

S.B. 956 – RELATING TO  
COPIES IN THE BUREAU  
OF CONVEYANCES

The purpose of S.B. 956 is to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Conveyances regarding accepting copies of documents. One of the stated benefits is the faster return of documents to the public due to the elimination of the step to microfilm documents in lieu of a more cost efficient digital format.

While we do not oppose more efficient state government operations, the Hawaii Government Employees Association provides the following comments.

We agree that technological changes and innovations create many opportunities to become more efficient in the way government conducts business. It is no doubt that the use of electronic communications to conduct transactions in any work operation has the potential to increase the efficiency of the current operations. However, if the infrastructure and appropriate staffing to effectively implement any system is not in place, efficiency of service to the public can actually suffer and the resulting impact on staff in the form of a heavier workload and lower morale can be devastating.

We request that as the department moves forward to take advantage of technology to improve the services provided by the Bureau of Conveyances, they make sure to have the appropriate infrastructure, staffing and training in place to implement and maintain any changes made in the Bureau of Conveyances' operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. 956.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Comments:**

I oppose this bill. In HB 1830 administrators are claiming that because of the backlog we need to deregister timeshares which is going to cause a loss of approximately \$400,000 in revenue to the bureau of conveyances. In this bill administrators are trying to pile more work on to bureau employees. Well, if we have more time to do other work which will generate less revenue then why not keep the timeshares? The governor, her administration, legislators and all the administrators who causes the state to lose money for the benefit of certain businesses should be furloughed and asked to pay all of their medical and dental bills to offset the rapidly deteriorating fiscal situation.