



GOV. MSG. NO. **1219**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

June 14, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker
and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 14, 2011, the following bill was signed into law:

HB915 HD2 SD2

RELATING TO CONVEYANCE TAX
Act 116 (11)

Shan Tsutsui
Sincerely,
Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

on JUN 14 2011

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 915
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONVEYANCE TAX.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to enable the
2 counties to promptly track ownership, encumbrances,
3 restrictions, uses, and sales prices of real property for the
4 purpose of determining real property tax assessments. This Act
5 requires the director of taxation to provide the administrator
6 of each county's real property assessment division with an image
7 of all certificates of conveyances filed with the bureau of
8 conveyances.

9 SECTION 2. Section 247-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "**§247-6 Certificate of conveyance required.** (a) Any
12 party, with the exception of governmental bodies, agencies, or
13 officers, to a document or instrument subject to this chapter,
14 or the party's authorized representative, shall file, in the
15 manner and place which the director of taxation shall prescribe,
16 a certificate of conveyance setting forth the actual and full
17 consideration of the property transferred, including any lien or
18 encumbrance on the property, and [~~such~~] any other facts as the



1 director may by rules prescribe. The certificate of conveyance
2 shall be verified by a written declaration thereon that the
3 statements made therein are subject to the penalties in section
4 231-36. The certificate shall be appended to the document or
5 instrument made subject to this chapter and shall be filed with
6 the director simultaneously with the aforementioned document or
7 instrument for the imprinting of the required seal or seals.

8 (b) No certificate is required to be filed for any
9 document or instrument made exempt by section 247-3, except that
10 in the following situations, a certificate shall be filed in the
11 manner and place [~~which~~] that the director shall prescribe,
12 within ninety days after the transaction or prior to the
13 recordation or filing of the document or instrument with the
14 registrar of conveyances or the assistant registrar of the land
15 court or after [~~such~~] the ninety-day period, recordation, or
16 filing as the director shall prescribe:

17 (1) [~~In the case of~~] For any document or instrument
18 described under section 247-3(3), any party to the
19 document or instrument shall file a certificate
20 declaring that the document or instrument merely
21 confirms or corrects a deed, lease, sublease,



1 assignment, transfer, or conveyance previously
2 recorded or filed.

3 (2) ~~[In the case of]~~ For any document or instrument
4 described under section 247-3(4), any party to the
5 document or instrument shall file a certificate
6 declaring the amount of the nominal consideration paid
7 and marital or parental relationship of the parties.

8 (3) ~~[In the case of]~~ For any document or instrument
9 described under section 247-3(5), any party to the
10 document or instrument shall file a certificate
11 declaring the reasons why the consideration is \$100 or
12 less.

13 (4) ~~[In the case of]~~ For any document or instrument
14 described in section 247-3(6), any party to the
15 document or instrument shall file a certificate
16 declaring that the document or instrument is made
17 pursuant to an agreement of sale, and where
18 applicable, an assignment or assignments of agreements
19 of sale.

20 (5) ~~[In the case of]~~ For any document or instrument
21 described under section 247-3(8), any person made a
22 party to the document or instrument as grantee,



1 assignee, or transferee shall file a certificate
2 declaring the full and actual consideration of the
3 property transferred.

4 (6) [~~In the case of~~] For any document or instrument
5 described under section 247-3(11), any party to the
6 document or instrument shall file a certificate
7 declaring each owner's:

8 (A) Undivided interest in the real property and the
9 value of that interest before partition; and

10 (B) Proportionate interest and the value of that
11 interest after partition.

12 (7) [~~In the case of~~] For any document or instrument
13 described under section 247-3(12), any party to the
14 document or instrument shall file a certificate
15 declaring that the document or instrument is made
16 pursuant to an order of the court and containing the
17 court case number.

18 (8) [~~In the case of~~] For any document or instrument
19 described under section 247-3(13), any party to the
20 document or instrument shall file a certificate
21 declaring that the document or instrument conveys real



1 property from a testamentary trust to a trust
2 beneficiary.

3 (9) [~~In the case of~~] For any document or instrument
4 described under section 247-3(14), any party to the
5 document or instrument shall file a certificate
6 declaring that the document or instrument conveys real
7 property from the grantor to a grantor's revocable
8 living trust or from a grantor's revocable living
9 trust to the grantor.

10 (c) The form of the certificate and the procedure to be
11 followed for the submission of the certificate shall be
12 prescribed by the director.

13 (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the director
14 deems it impracticable to require the filing of a certificate or
15 certificates or to obtain the signatures of any or all parties
16 to a certificate or certificates required under this section,
17 the director may, in the director's discretion, waive the
18 requirement of filing the certificate or certificates or of
19 securing the signature of any or all parties to the certificate
20 or certificates.

21 (e) No document or instrument, on account of which a
22 certificate is required to be filed with the office of the



1 director under this section, shall be accepted for recordation
2 or filing with the registrar of conveyances or the assistant
3 registrar of the land court, unless the certificate has been
4 duly filed.

5 (f) Within twenty-one business days after the end of each
6 week, or as soon thereafter as possible, the director of
7 taxation shall provide to the administrator of each county's
8 real property assessment division, without charge, an image of
9 all certificates of conveyance that were filed. For each
10 certificate of conveyance, the image shall include the
11 following:

- 12 (1) Document number;
13 (2) Date of the filing;
14 (3) Name of grantor and grantee;
15 (4) Tax map key number;
16 (5) Location of the real property by island; and
17 (6) Address for real property assessment notice and tax
18 bill."

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.
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APPROVED this 14 day of JUN, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Neil Abernethy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII