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COMMENTS OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES &
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

SB 2747 HD 1, RELATING TO SUBDIVISION DOCUMENTS

March 19, 2014

Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Cullen and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the intent of this bill which aims to improve public real property data base information between the counties and DHHL on its land dispositions.

In general, the department already provides the final right of way project maps and final orders of condemnation to the counties. We also provide notice to the counties of new leases or dispositions, or changes to dispositions (our equivalent of recorded deeds and title transfers). There is no further guidance in the bill as far as how or when these documents are to be provided to the counties, so if passed, this bill would have no impact on our current practices.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014
10:15 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2747, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SUBDIVISION DOCUMENTS**

Senate Bill 2747, House Draft 1 proposes to require the Department of Transportation, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (“Department”) to submit to the counties certain information on parcels located within a subdivision. **The Department has no objection to the bill, but believes that it is unnecessary as to the Department.**

To the extent the Department (through its Land Division) is involved with final orders of condemnation, recording of deeds or other title transfers, then such information, together with the annual dispositions of leases, permits, as well as cancellations of leases and permits, etc., is already provided to the counties once a year. The Department does not create or manage roads or highways, although it does occasionally process (through its Land Division) set-asides to the Department of Transportation and the various counties for rights-of-way. Information on such set-asides is included in the annual data transfers to the counties mentioned above. The Department also reports annually to the Legislature in mid-January on land dispositions for the preceding calendar year, and those reports are available on the Department’s website. Additionally, the Bureau of Conveyances regularly sends conveyance tax certificates for land transfers to the Department of Taxation, who then forwards the information to the counties.

Accordingly, the Department believes it is already in compliance with the intent of this bill, and that new legislation is not required as to the Department.

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March 17, 2014

The Honorable Faye Hanohano, Chair
Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources,
and Hawaiian Affairs
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 418
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Evans:

Subject: S.B. 2747, H.D. 1 Relating to Subdivision Documents

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support S.B. 2747, H.D. 1, which requires the Department of Transportation, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources to submit to the counties information on parcels within a subdivision.

This measure will assist the counties in accurately assessing affected parcels and ensure that assessment notices and other real property correspondence are received by the correct party. It will also help county fire departments to obtain reliable ownership records to determine who is responsible to correct fire code violations as statutorily mandated. Properly maintained buildings, including access roads and fire fighting water supply, minimize risks to residents from hazards and other life-threatening situations.

The SFC and the HFD urge your committee's passage of S.B. 2747, H.D. 1.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair

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S.B. 2747, H.D. 1
RELATING TO SUBDIVISION DOCUMENTS

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation provides the following comments on S.B. 2747, H.D. 1 which requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Department of Transportation to submit certain Real Property subdivision information to the Counties.

The department already provides the counties with a copy of any recorded conveyance documents together with the right-of-way map as a matter of practice and due diligence, and therefore believes the bill is unnecessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

KIRK CALDWELL
MAYOR



NELSON H. KOYANAGI, JR.
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

TESTIMONY OF NELSON H. KOYANAGI, JR.
DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES,
AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 10:15 a.m., Conference Room 325

SENATE Bill 2747, "RELATING TO SUBDIVISION DOCUMENTS"

Position: In Support

TO: The Honorable Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources,
and Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services is in support of SB 2747, which requires the Department of Transportation, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide the Real Property Assessment Administrator with certain information involving parcels within a subdivision.

The implementation of SB 2747 will facilitate the Real Property Administrator's ability to accurately assess affected parcels and ensure that assessment notices and other real property correspondence are received by the correct party. This bill also conforms with the City's objective of achieving equity, uniformity, and economic neutrality in taxation of all real property within the City and County of Honolulu.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this bill. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jason Flores, Tax Map & Records Supervisor, at 768-7921.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



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Testimony of
STEVEN A. HUNT
Director of Finance
County of Kaua'i

Before the House Committee on Finance

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
10:15 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2747, HD 1
RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUBDIVISION DOCUMENTS

The County of Kaua'i, Department of Finance and the Real Property Assessment Division supports SB 2747, Relating to Subdivision Documents as it provides a vehicle for the counties to be provided subdivision documents to maintain the real property land record system and parcel maps.

The process of subdivision is the vehicle that Real Property obtains documents for updating land records and parcel maps. However, under HRS-243-43, the Department of Transportation is exempt from county subdivision.

A request to add verbiage as to time of delivery of the documents is also requested.

We urge you to pass this amendment and give the counties the means to maintain its land records and parcel maps in a timely manner.

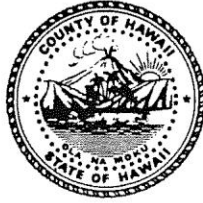
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Hunt
Director of Finance

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**Testimony of
STANLEY A. SITKO
Real Property Tax Administrator
County of Hawai'i**

Before the House Committee on Finance

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014
10:15 a.m.**

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2747, HD 1
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SUBDIVISION DOCUMENTS**

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A request to add verbiage as to time of delivery of the documents is also requested.

We urge you to pass this amendment and give the counties the means to maintain its land records and parcel maps in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,



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March 17, 2014

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Honorable Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Honorable Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
10:15 a.m., Room 325

Support of SB 2747, HD1, Relating to Subdivision Documents

The County of Maui, Real Property Assessment Division supports SB 2747, HD1, as it provides a vehicle for the counties to be provided subdivision documents to maintain the real property land record system and parcel maps.

A request to add verbiage as to time of delivery of the documents is also requested.

This amendment will give each of the counties the means to maintain its land records and parcel maps in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott K. Teruya", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott K. Teruya
Administrator, Real Property Assessment Division