

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 987

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 987 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDATION TRANSACTION FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the use of the transaction fee authorized under Act 120, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, to include purchases of software, project management and implementation, workflow improvements, and services related to the management, archiving, preservation, and accessibility of records at the Bureau of Conveyances and the Office of the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court; and
- (2) Clarify that the transaction fee authorized under Act 120, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, as amended by this measure, shall be repealed on the effective date of administrative rules adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources that include the establishment of a transaction fee for each recording in the Bureau of Conveyances and in the Office of the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court, or on July 1, 2022, whichever occurs first.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Land Title Association; Title Guaranty of Hawaii, Inc.; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that because of the transaction fee authorized by Act 120, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, the Bureau of Conveyances ("Bureau") has significantly improved the automation and integrity of the recording process, established web and digital access to parts of the Bureau's database and records, and created the portal and process for the electronic recording of documents. Your Committee finds that expanding the authorized use of the transaction fee will address evolving issues facing the Bureau, including the need to improve digitization, resolve shortfalls with the current land records management system, improve workflow processes for records certification, and preserve physical records. Your Committee further finds that the public will benefit from the continued modernization of the operations within the Bureau and the Office of the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 987 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,




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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<b>SB 987</b>	<b>WTL, WAM</b>	<b>02-15-2017</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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