

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **382** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2024

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RE: H.B. No. 2611
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2611, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Statutorily establish a transaction fee for each recording by the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court for certain services;
- (2) Authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal certain administrative fees, separate from the administrative rulemaking process;
- (3) Amend the authorized uses of funds in the Bureau of Conveyances Special Fund; and
- (4) Repeal provisions that require fees for the use of microfilms of documents recorded in the Bureau of Conveyances to be established by rules.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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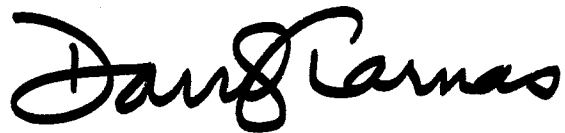
Your Committee finds that establishing a \$5 transaction fee for all regular system recordings pursuant to Act 120, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, has enabled the Bureau of Conveyances to improve the automation and integrity of its recording process. This measure would statutorily establish equitable fee assessment in both recording systems - the Bureau of Conveyances and Office of the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court - to fund continued improvements with efficiency, productivity, and automation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have authorized the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal other administrative fees and costs associated with the recordation and filing of instruments in the Bureau of Conveyances and Office of the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court, separate from the administrative rulemaking process; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2611, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2611, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



