



The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i

Testimony to:

Senate Committee on Water and Land
Senator Kaiali‘i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

and

Senate Committee on Government Operations
Senator Laura H. Thielen, Chair
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by

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Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 917, Relating to Land.

Purpose: Requires the land court to accept valid government issued identification as evidence to prove full name. Requires land court to give full faith and credit to public acts, judgments, and orders of other states that recognize name changes by usage or other method.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports Senate Bill No. 917 as it provides Land Court property owners, who have completed name change events outside the state of Hawaii, a direct and simplified way to prove such name change to the court.

Senate Bill No. 917 also provides a clear guideline for the court when examining evidence, such as marriage certificates issued out of state, that do not indicate a name change.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.