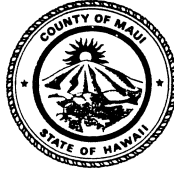


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MEMORANDUM

T O: The Honorable Joseph Pontanilla, Chair
Housing and Human Services Committee

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF DOCUMENT: NOTICE OF PRESERVATION OF LEGAL TITLE
AND INHERENT INTERESTS

The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to your memorandum of March 5, 2004, in which you requested that our Department review a "Notice of Preservation of Legal Title and Inherent Interests" that appears to have been executed by a Mr. Charles Baker of Pearl City, Hawaii. The Notice asserts certain rights to real property claimed by "heirs of William Charles Lunalilo and Chief Ulumaheihei." You indicated that no correspondence indicating the purpose of this document (*i.e.*, the Notice) has been received.

Our Department has no information regarding Mr. Baker or the real property claims asserted by him on behalf of the heirs of William Charles Lunalilo and Chief Ulumaheihei. Further, we have not undertaken to investigate or evaluate any such claims.

In general, our office does not and cannot make determinations resolving conflicting claims to real property, nor can we report on those who may be in the chain of title to real property. Only a title company versed in conducting title searches is qualified to produce a title report.

To the extent that the Notice concerns property owned by a private party or parties (and we assume that such is the case here), it remains for said parties (and anyone else claiming an interest in the subject property) to seek resolution of any conflicting claims. This may require adjudication by a court of law.

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In the absence of an actual case or controversy and without more specific facts regarding the subject Notice, it is difficult for our office to provide any further legal direction with regard to the Notice.

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