



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

July 3, 2017 **GOV. MSG. NO. 1172**

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 3, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1498 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS  
**ACT 071 (17)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Section 514B-154.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

4 "(a) Notwithstanding any other provision in the  
5 declaration, bylaws, or house rules, if any, the following  
6 documents, records, and information, whether maintained, kept,  
7 or required to be provided pursuant to this section or section  
8 514B-152, 514B-153, or 514B-154, shall be made available to any  
9 unit owner and the owner's authorized agents by the managing  
10 agent, resident manager, board through a board member, or the  
11 association's representative:

12 (1) All financial and other records sufficiently detailed  
13 in order to comply with requests for information and  
14 disclosures related to the resale of units;

15 (2) An accurate copy of the declaration, bylaws, house  
16 rules, if any, master lease, if any, a sample original  
17 conveyance document, and all public reports and any  
18 amendments thereto;



- 1           (3) Detailed, accurate records in chronological order of  
2           the receipts and expenditures affecting the common  
3           elements, specifying and itemizing the maintenance and  
4           repair expenses of the common elements and any other  
5           expenses incurred and monthly statements indicating  
6           the total current delinquent dollar amount of any  
7           unpaid assessments for common expenses;
- 8           (4) All records and the vouchers authorizing the payments  
9           and statements kept and maintained at the address of  
10          the project, or elsewhere within the State as  
11          determined by the board, subject to section 514B-152;
- 12          (5) All signed and executed agreements for managing the  
13          operation of the property, expressing the agreement of  
14          all parties, including but not limited to financial  
15          and accounting obligations, services provided, and any  
16          compensation arrangements, including any subsequent  
17          amendments;
- 18          (6) An accurate and current list of members of the  
19          condominium association and the members' current  
20          addresses and the names and addresses of the vendees  
21          under an agreement of sale, if any. A copy of the



1 list shall be available, at cost, to any unit owner or  
2 owner's authorized agent who furnishes to the managing  
3 agent, resident manager, or the board a duly executed  
4 and acknowledged affidavit stating that the list:

5 (A) Shall be used by the unit owner or owner's  
6 authorized agent personally and only for the  
7 purpose of soliciting votes or proxies or for  
8 providing information to other unit owners with  
9 respect to association matters; and

10 (B) Shall not be used by the unit owner or owner's  
11 authorized agent or furnished to anyone else for  
12 any other purpose;

13 (7) The association's most current financial statement, at  
14 no cost or on twenty-four-hour loan, at a convenient  
15 location designated by the board;

16 (8) Meeting minutes of the association, pursuant to  
17 section 514B-122;

18 (9) Meeting minutes of the board, pursuant to section  
19 514B-126, which shall be:

20 (A) Available for examination by unit owners or  
21 owners' authorized agents at no cost or on



1 twenty-four-hour loan at a convenient location at  
2 the project, to be determined by the board; or

3 (B) Transmitted to any unit owner or owner's  
4 authorized agent making a request for the minutes  
5 within fifteen days of receipt of the request by  
6 the owner or owner's authorized agent; provided  
7 that:

8 (i) The minutes shall be transmitted by mail,  
9 electronic mail transmission, or facsimile,  
10 by the means indicated by the owner or  
11 owner's authorized agent, if the owner or  
12 owner's authorized agent indicated a  
13 preference at the time of the request; and

14 (ii) The owner or owner's authorized agent shall  
15 pay a reasonable fee for administrative  
16 costs associated with handling the request,  
17 subject to section 514B-105(d);

18 (10) Financial statements, general ledgers, the accounts  
19 receivable ledger, accounts payable ledgers, check  
20 ledgers, insurance policies, contracts, and invoices  
21 of the association for the duration those records are



1 kept by the association, and any documents regarding  
2 delinquencies of ninety days or more shall be  
3 available for examination by unit owners or owners'  
4 authorized agents at convenient hours at a place  
5 designated by the board; provided that:

6 (A) The board may require unit owners or owners'  
7 authorized agents to furnish to the association a  
8 duly executed and acknowledged affidavit stating  
9 that the information is requested in good faith  
10 for the protection of the interests of the  
11 association, its members, or both; and

12 (B) Unit owners or owners' authorized agents shall  
13 pay for administrative costs in excess of eight  
14 hours per year;

15 (11) Proxies, tally sheets, ballots, unit owners' check-in  
16 lists, and the certificate of election subject to  
17 section 514B-154(c);

18 (12) Copies of an association's documents, records, and  
19 information, whether maintained, kept, or required to  
20 be provided pursuant to this section or section  
21 514B-152, 514B-153, or 514B-154;



- 1 (13) A copy of the management contract from the entity that  
2 manages the operation of the property before the  
3 organization of an association; ~~and~~
- 4 (14) Other documents requested by a unit owner or owner's  
5 authorized agent in writing; provided that the board  
6 shall give written authorization or written refusal  
7 with an explanation of the refusal within thirty  
8 calendar days of receipt of a request for documents  
9 pursuant to this paragraph[-]; and
- 10 (15) A copy of any contract, written job description, and  
11 compensation between the association and any person or  
12 entity retained by the association to manage the  
13 operation of the property on-site, including but not  
14 limited to the general manager, operations manager,  
15 resident manager, or site manager; provided that  
16 personal information may be redacted from the contract  
17 copy, including but not limited to the manager's date  
18 of birth, age, signature, social security number,  
19 residence address, telephone number, non-business  
20 electronic mail address, driver's license number,  
21 Hawaii identification card number, bank account



1           number, credit or debit card number, access code or  
2           password that would permit access to the manager's  
3           financial accounts, or any other information that may  
4           be withheld under state or federal law."

## PART II

6           SECTION 2. The legislature finds that existing condominium  
7 law permits different classes of directors in mixed-use projects  
8 and provides for the removal of directors by a majority of unit  
9 owners. However, clarification is needed in the law regarding  
10 the removal of directors in a mixed-use project.

11           The legislature further finds that existing law specifies  
12 that no votes allocated to a unit owned by a condominium  
13 association may be cast for the election or reelection of  
14 directors. This prohibition may be an issue for mixed-use  
15 condominium projects where directors are elected by different  
16 classes of owners. For example, in a mixed-use project that  
17 contains residential and commercial units, the board of  
18 directors may be comprised of directors elected by residential  
19 unit owners and directors elected by commercial unit owners. A  
20 condominium association that owns the single commercial unit in





1 a mixed-use project would, therefore, be unable to elect or  
2 reelect the directors needed to represent that commercial unit.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this part is to:

4 (1) Clarify that the removal or replacement of a director  
5 elected by a class of unit owners shall be by a  
6 majority of only the members of that class; and

7 (2) Specify that for an election in a mixed-use  
8 condominium project where directors are elected by  
9 different classes of owners, an association is  
10 permitted to cast a vote or votes allocated to any  
11 nonresidential unit owned by the association where  
12 those eligible to vote in the election are limited to  
13 owners of one or more nonresidential units, including  
14 the nonresidential unit owned by the association.

15 SECTION 3. Section 514B-110, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:

17 "(h) This section shall not preclude the removal and  
18 replacement of any one or more members of the board pursuant to  
19 section 514B-106(f) [-]; provided that any director elected by a  
20 class of unit owners may be removed or replaced only by a vote  
21 of a majority of the common interest represented by that class.



1 Any removal and replacement shall not affect the proportionate  
2 composition of the board as prescribed in the bylaws as amended  
3 pursuant to this section."

4 SECTION 4. Section 514B-123, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 "(c) No votes allocated to a unit owned by the association  
7 may be cast for the election or reelection of directors[-];  
8 provided that, notwithstanding section 514B-106(b) or any  
9 provision in an association's declaration or bylaws to the  
10 contrary, in a mixed-use project containing units for  
11 residential and nonresidential use, where the board is comprised  
12 of directors elected by owners of residential units and  
13 directors elected by owners of nonresidential units, the  
14 association, acting by and through its board, may cast the vote  
15 or votes allocated to any nonresidential unit owned by the  
16 association in any election of one or more directors where those  
17 eligible to vote in the election are limited to owners of one or  
18 more nonresidential units, which includes the nonresidential  
19 unit owned by the association."



1 PART III

2 SECTION 5. Section 514B-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

4 "(b) No tenant, resident manager, or employee of a  
5 condominium shall serve on its board.

6 For the purposes of this subsection, "tenant" means any  
7 person who occupies a dwelling unit for dwelling purposes who is  
8 not also an owner of a dwelling unit in the same condominium."

9 PART IV

10 SECTION 6. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
11 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
12 begun before its effective date.

13 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

APPROVED this 3 day of JUL, 2017



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



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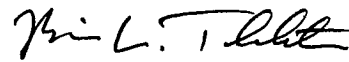
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.



Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

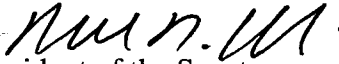



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2017  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the  
Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate