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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION MANAGERS.

WHEREAS, the Condominium Property Act, Chapter 514B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes a form of real estate ownership in which individual owners hold title to a specific unit and have an undivided interest as a tenant-in-common with other owners in common elements, such as the exterior of the buildings, grounds, amenities, internal roads, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Condominium Property Act fully authorizes condominiums to be self-governed by their respective association of unit owners, which is headed by an elected board of directors; and

WHEREAS, in the State as of 2021, there were an estimated 1,826 condominium associations representing 173,036 units, which serve as dwellings, either as a primary residence or otherwise, to approximately 360,000 people; and

WHEREAS, to assist in the management of the properties, condominium associations typically contract with third-party condominium managing agents to perform certain tasks for the association, including overseeing repairs and projects, finances and accounting, insurance and registration renewals, and other tasks pertaining to the management of the property; and

WHEREAS, condominium managing agents are required to be licensed real estate brokers or authorized trust companies under the Condominium Property Act, and they must maintain a fidelity bond based on the number of units managed of no less than \$20,000 and no more than \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, while many condominiums contract with condominium association managers for the management of the property, there

is no requirement that the condominium association managers possess knowledge of the laws and rules governing condominium associations; and

WHEREAS, there have been reports of condominium association managers stifling board members' ability to assist in the management of the property and to address concerns of the residents to whom the board members serve and reports of condominium association managers disregarding requests by board members; and

WHEREAS, H.B. No. 1312, Regular Session of 2025, proposed the establishment of a regulatory framework requiring the certification of condominium association managers by the Real Estate Commission of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and

 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, of the Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act requires new measures, subjecting unregulated professions and vocations to licensing or other regulatory controls, to be referred to the Auditor for analysis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a sunrise analysis of condominium association managers as proposed by H.B. No. 1312, Regular Session of 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.