A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that insurance fraud is a significant problem in Hawaii. The legislature finds that 2 to combat insurance fraud, not only is it necessary to have 3 4 substantial fines for a person committing insurance fraud as a deterrent, but it is also necessary to have sufficient staff in 5 the office of the insurance fraud investigations unit to 6 prosecute persons committing insurance fraud. The legislature 7 further finds that it is important to provide additional 8 9 personnel and resources to facilitate prosecution of insurance fraud. 10 11 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to increase 12 staffing of the insurance fraud investigations unit of the 13 department of commerce and consumer affairs to combat insurance 14 fraud. SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the compliance 15 16 resolution fund of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, 17

and the same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for

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- 1 fiscal year 2008-2009, to provide additional personnel and
- 2 resources for the insurance fraud investigations unit of the
- 3 department of commerce and consumer affairs to prosecute
- 4 insurance fraud.
- 5 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 6 of consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.
- 7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Insurance Fraud Investigations Unit

Description:

Provides funds for the insurance fraud investigations unit to increase staff to prosecute insurance fraud more effectively.