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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 24, 2009, the following bill was signed into law:

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A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD. ACT 149 (09)

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009 STATE OF HAWAII ACT 149
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RELATING TO INSURANCE FRAUD.

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1	SECTION 1. The legislature finds that insurance fraud
2	reportedly costs every household in the United States an average
3	of \$500 per year. In Hawaii, the cost of motor vehicle
4	insurance fraud alone was estimated in 1997 to be over \$164
5	annually per household. In recognition of the impact that fraud
6	has on the cost of motor vehicle insurance, Act 251, Session
7	Laws of Hawaii 1997 (Act 251), established an insurance fraud
8	investigations unit and motor vehicle insurance fraud violations
9	and penalties. Act 155, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998 (Act 155),
10	clarified the penalties for the offense of motor vehicle
11	insurance fraud and enhanced the powers and clarified the
12	purpose of the insurance fraud investigations unit to combat
13	motor vehicle insurance fraud.
14	Insurance fraud also increasingly affects costs within the
15	health insurance industry. Industry health care fraud losses
16	are estimated at three to fourteen per cent of the
17	\$1,200,000,000,000 in annual national health care costs. This

is equivalent to approximately \$36,000,000,000 to



- 1 \$168,000,000,000 annually. In Hawaii, based on the conservative
- 2 estimate that insurance fraud amounts to three per cent of
- 3 annual Hawaii health care costs, health insurance fraud causes
- 4 losses that exceed \$60,000,000 annually. In response to the
- 5 growing problem of fraud in the area of health insurance, the
- 6 legislature enumerated penalties for health insurance fraud
- 7 offenses in Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003. However, Act
- 8 125 does not clearly assign the responsibility of investigating
- 9 and prosecuting insurance fraud violations to a specific law
- 10 enforcement agency.
- 11 The legislature further finds that no line of insurance is
- 12 free of insurance fraud. Rather than limit administrative,
- 13 civil, and criminal penalties for insurance fraud to only motor
- 14 vehicle insurance, Hawaii's insurance fraud law should be
- 15 expanded to include all lines of insurance to deter perpetrators
- 16 of insurance fraud by demonstrating that no line of insurance is
- 17 a safe haven for those who commit insurance fraud.
- 18 The purpose of this Act is to:
- 19 (1) Establish an insurance fraud investigations branch to
- 20 replace the existing insurance fraud investigations
- unit established in Act 251 and expanded by Act 155,
- and to empower the branch to investigate and prosecute

1		insurance fraud in all lines of insurance except
2		workers' compensation under chapter 386, Hawaii
3		Revised Statutes;
4	(2)	Impose administrative, civil, and criminal penalties
5		for offenses of insurance fraud in all covered lines
6		of insurance and for different types of insurance
7		fraud, including fraudulent applications and sales;
8		and
9	(3)	Direct the deposit of fines and settlements resulting
10		from successful insurance fraud prosecutions into the
11		compliance resolution fund to help the insurance fraud
12		investigations branch cover the cost of preventing,
13		investigating, and prosecuting insurance fraud.
14	SECT	ION 2. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15	amended b	y adding a new part to article 2 to be appropriately
16	designate	d and to read as follows:
17		"PART . INSURANCE FRAUD
18	§431	:2-A Definitions. As used in this part:
19	"Bra	nch" means the insurance fraud investigations branch of
20	the insur	ance division of the department of commerce and
21	consumer	affairs.

1	"Insurance policy" means a contract issued by an insurer or
2	other licensee.
3	"Intentionally" shall have the same meaning as under
4	section 702-206.
5	"Knowingly" shall have the same meaning as under section
6	702-206.
7	"Licensee" means an entity licensed under and governed by
8	title 24, including an insurer governed by chapter 431, a mutual
9	benefit society governed by article 1 of chapter 432, a
10	fraternal benefit society governed by article 2 of chapter 432,
P (case	or a health maintenance organization governed by chapter 432D,
12	and their respective agents and employees engaged in the
13	business of the licensee.
14	"Person" means any individual, company, association,
15	organization, group, partnership, business, trust, or
16	corporation; but shall exclude:
17	(1) Insurers, as defined in section 431:1-202, and other
18	licensees, as defined in this part; and
19	(2) Licensed attorneys acting in their capacity as
20	attorneys for a claimant other than the licensed

attorney.

1 §431:2-B Insurance fraud investigations branch. 2 There is established in the insurance division the insurance fraud investigations branch for the purposes set forth in this 3 4 part. The branch shall: 5 (b) Conduct a statewide program for the prevention of 6 (1) 7 insurance fraud under title 24, including chapters 431, 432, and 432D; provided that the branch shall not 8 9 have jurisdiction over workers' compensation under chapter 386; 10 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, (2) 11 12 investigate and prosecute in administrative hearings and courts of competent jurisdiction all persons 13 involved in insurance fraud violations; and 14 15 (3) Promote public and industry-wide education about insurance fraud. 16 **17** The branch may review and take appropriate action on (c) complaints relating to insurance fraud. 18 19 (d) The commissioner shall employ or retain, by contract 20 or otherwise, attorneys, investigators, investigator assistants, 21 auditors, accountants, physicians, health care professionals,

paralegals, consultants, experts, and other professional,

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- 1 technical, and support staff as necessary to promote the
- 2 effective and efficient conduct of the branch's activities. The
- 3 commissioner may hire these employees without regard to chapters
- 4 76 or 89.
- 5 (e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an
- 6 attorney employed or retained by the branch may represent the
- 7 State in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding to
- 8 enforce all applicable state laws relating to insurance fraud,
- 9 including criminal prosecutions, disciplinary actions, and
- 10 actions for declaratory and injunctive relief. The attorney
- 11 general may designate an attorney as a special deputy attorney
- 12 general for purposes of this subsection.
- 13 (f) Investigators appointed and commissioned under this
- 14 part shall have and may exercise all of the powers and authority
- 15 of a police officer or of a deputy sheriff.
- 16 (q) Funding for the branch shall come from the compliance
- 17 resolution fund established by section 26-9(o).
- 18 §431:2-C Insurance fraud. (a) A person commits the
- 19 offense of insurance fraud if the person:
- 20 (1) Intentionally or knowingly misrepresents or conceals
- 21 material facts, opinions, intention, or law to obtain

1	or a	ttempt to obtain coverage, benefits, recovery,	or
2	comp	ensation:	
3	(A)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to b	e
4		presented, an application, whether written,	
5		typed, or transmitted through electronic media	ì,
6		for the issuance or renewal of an insurance	
7		policy or reinsurance contract;	
8	(B)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to k	ре
9		presented, false information on a claim for	
10		payment;	
11	(C)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to k	ре
12		presented, a claim for the payment of a loss;	
13	(D)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to k	ре
14		presented, multiple claims for the same loss of	or
15		injury, including knowingly presenting such	
16		multiple and duplicative claims to more than o	one
17		insurer;	
18	(E)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to k	ре
19		presented, any claim for payment of a health of	care
20		benefit;	
21	(F)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to b	ре
22		presented, a claim for a health care benefit t	that

1	·	was not used by, or provided on behalf of, the
2		claimant;
3	(G)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to be
4		presented, improper multiple and duplicative
5		claims for payment of the same health care
. 6		benefit;
7	(H)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to be
8		presented, for payment any undercharges for
9		benefits on behalf of a specific claimant unless
10		any known overcharges for benefits under this
11		article for that claimant are presented for
12		reconciliation at the same time;
13	(I)	When fabricating, altering, concealing, making ar
14	•	entry in, or destroying a document whether typed,
15		written, or through an audio or video tape or
16		electronic media;
17	(J)	When presenting, or causing or permitting to be
18		presented, to a person, insurer, or other
19		licensee false, incomplete, or misleading
20		information to obtain coverage or payment
21		otherwise available under an insurance policy;

1		(K) When presenting, or causing or permitting to be
2		presented, to a person or producer, information
3		about a person's status as a licensee that
4		induces a person or insurer to purchase an
5		insurance policy or reinsurance contract; and
6		(L) When making, or causing or permitting to be made,
7		any statement, either typed, written, or through
8		audio or video tape or electronic media, or
9		claims by the person or on behalf of a person
10		with regard to obtaining legal recovery or
11		benefits;
12	(2)	Intentionally or knowingly aids, agrees, or attempts
13		to aid, solicit, or conspire with any person who
14		engages in an unlawful act as defined under this
15		section; or
16	(3)	Intentionally or knowingly makes, causes, or permits
17		to be presented, any false statements or claims by any
18		person or on behalf of any person during an official
19		proceeding as defined by section 710-1000.
20	(b)	Violation of subsection (a) is a criminal offense and
21	shall con	stitute:

1	(1)	A class B felony if the value of the benefits,
2		recovery, or compensation obtained or attempted to be
3		obtained is more than \$20,000;
4	(2)	A class C felony if the value of the benefits,
5		recovery, or compensation obtained or attempted to be
6		obtained is more than \$300; or
7	(3)	A misdemeanor if the value of the benefits, recovery,
8		or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained
9		is \$300 or less.
10	(c)	This section shall not supersede any other law
11	relating	to theft, fraud, or deception. Insurance fraud may be
12	prosecute	d under this part, or any other applicable statute or
13	common la	w, and all such remedies shall be cumulative.
14	§431	:2-D Restitution. Any person convicted under this
15	part shal	l be ordered by a court to make restitution to any
16	insurer,	person, or licensee for any financial loss sustained by
17	that insu	rer, person, or licensee that was caused by the act or
18	acts for	which the person was convicted.
19	§ 4 31	:2-E Insurance fraud; administrative penalties. (a)
20	In additi	on to or in lieu of criminal penalties under section
21	431:2-C(b), any person who commits insurance fraud as defined

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1 under section 431:2-C, may be subject to the administr
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- 2 penalties in this section.
- 3 (b) If a person is found to have knowingly committed
- 4 insurance fraud under this part, the commissioner may assess any
- 5 or all of the following penalties:
- 6 (1) Restitution to any insurer or any other person of
- 7 benefits or payments fraudulently received or other
- 8 damages or costs incurred;
- 9 (2) A fine of not more than \$10,000 for each violation;
- 10 and
- 11 (3) Reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs of the
- party sustaining a loss under this part; provided that
- the State shall be exempt from paying attorneys' fees
- and costs to other parties.
- 15 (c) Administrative actions brought for insurance fraud
- 16 under this part shall be brought within six years after the
- 17 insurance fraud is discovered or by exercise of reasonable
- 18 diligence should have been discovered and, in any event, no more
- 19 than ten years after the date on which a violation of this part
- 20 is committed.

1	§431:2-F Administrative procedures. (a) An
2	administrative penalty may be imposed upon a judgment by a court
3	of competent jurisdiction or upon an order by the commissioner.
4	(b) The commissioner shall hold a hearing in accordance
5	with chapter 91, prior to imposing any administrative remedy.
6	§431:2-G Acceptance of payment. A provider's failure to
7	dispute a reduced payment by an insurer shall not constitute an
8	implied admission that a fraudulent billing was submitted.
9	§431:2-H Civil cause of action for insurance fraud;
10	exemption. (a) An insurer or other licensee shall have a civil
11	cause of action to recover payments or benefits from any person
12	who has violated section 431:2-C; provided that no recovery
13	shall be allowed if the person has made restitution pursuant to
14	section 431:2-D or 431:2-E(b)(1).
15	(b) A person, insurer, or other licensee, including an
16	insurer's or other licensee's adjusters, bill reviewers,
17	producers, representatives, or common-law agents shall not be
18	subject to civil liability for providing information, including
19	filing a report, furnishing oral, written, audiotaped,
20	videotaped, or electronic media evidence, providing documents,

or giving testimony concerning suspected, anticipated, or

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completed insurance fraud to:

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1 (1)A court; 2 (2) The commissioner; 3 The branch; (3) 4 (4)The National Association of Insurance Commissioners; 5 (5) The National Insurance Crime Bureau; 6 (6) Any federal, state, or county law enforcement or 7 regulatory agency; or 8 (7) Another insurer or other licensee, 9 if acting without actual malice and if the information is 10 provided for the purpose of preventing, investigating, or 11 prosecuting insurance fraud, except if the person commits 12 perjury. 13 Civil actions for insurance fraud under this part 14 shall be filed within six years after the insurance fraud is 15 discovered or should have been discovered by exercise of 16 reasonable diligence; provided that no civil action shall be 17 filed more than ten years after the date on which a violation of 18 this part is committed. 19 §431:2-I Mandatory reporting. (a) Within sixty days of 20 an insurer or other licensee's employee or agent discovering 21 credible information indicating a violation of section 431:2-C, 22 or as soon thereafter as practicable, the insurer or licensee

- 1 shall provide to the branch information, including documents and
- 2 other evidence, regarding the alleged violation of section
- 3 431:2-C. The insurance fraud investigations branch shall work
- 4 with the insurer or licensee to determine what information shall
- 5 be provided.
- 6 (b) Information provided pursuant to this section shall be
- 7 protected from public disclosure to the extent authorized by
- 8 chapter 92F and section 431:2-209; provided that the branch may
- 9 release the information in an administrative or judicial
- 10 proceeding to enforce this part to federal, state, or local law
- 11 enforcement or regulatory authorities, the National Association
- 12 of Insurance Commissioners, the National Insurance Crime Bureau.
- 13 or an insurer or other licensee aggrieved by the alleged
- 14 violation of section 431:2-C.
- 15 §431:2-J Deposit into the compliance resolution fund. All
- 16 moneys that have been recovered by the department of commerce
- 17 and consumer affairs as a result of prosecuting insurance fraud
- 18 violations pursuant to this part, including civil fines,
- 19 criminal fines, administrative fines, and settlements, but not
- 20 including restitution made pursuant to section 431:2-D,
- 21 431:2-E(b)(1), or 431:2-H, shall be deposited into the

- **2** 26-9(o)."
- 3 SECTION 3. Section 431:2-203, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 4 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- 5 "(b) (1) A person who intentionally or knowingly violates,
- 6 intentionally or knowingly permits any person over
- 7 whom the person has authority to violate, or
- 8 intentionally or knowingly aids any person in
- yiolating any insurance rule or statute of this State
- or any effective order issued by the commissioner,
- shall be subject to any penalty or fine as [stated in]
- provided by this code or by the penal code of the
- 13 Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 14 (2) If the commissioner has cause to believe that any
- person has violated any penal provision of this code
- 16 or of other laws relating to insurance, the
- 17 commissioner shall proceed against that person or
- 18 certify the facts of the violation to the public
- 19 prosecutor of the jurisdiction in which the offense
- was committed.
- 21 (3) Violation of any provision of this code is punishable
- by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$10,000

1	per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than
2	one year, or both, in addition to any other penalty or
3	forfeiture provided herein or otherwise by law.
4	(4) The terms "intentionally" and "knowingly" shall have
5	the <u>same</u> meanings [given] as defined in section
6	702-206(1) and (2)."
7	SECTION 4. Section 431:2-204, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:
9	"(d) When the commissioner, through the insurance fraud
10	investigations [unit,] branch, is conducting an investigation of
11	possible violations of [section 431:10C-307.7,] part , the
12	commissioner shall pay to a financial institution that is served
13	a subpoena issued under this section a fee for reimbursement of
14	[such] the costs [as] that are necessary and which have been
15	directly incurred in searching for, reproducing, or transporting
16	books, papers, documents, or other objects designated by the
17	subpoena. Reimbursement shall be paid at a rate not to exceed
18	the rate set forth in section 28-2.5(d)."
19	SECTION 5. Section 432:2-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20	amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

1 Nothing in this article shall exempt fraternal 2 benefit societies from the provisions and requirements of 3 of article 2 of chapter 431 and of section 431:2-215." SECTION 6. Section 706-606.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 4 5 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows: "(1) Notwithstanding section 706-669 and any other law to 6 7 the contrary, any person convicted of murder in the second degree, any class A felony, any class B felony, or any of the 8 following class C felonies: section 188-23 relating to 9 possession or use of explosives, electrofishing devices, and 10 poisonous substances in state waters; section 386-98(d)(1) 11 12 relating to fraud violations and penalties; [section 13 431:10A 131(b)(2) relating to insurance fraud; section 431:10C-14 307.7(b)(2) relating to insurance fraud; section 432:1-106(b)(2) relating to insurance fraud; section 432D-18.5(b)(2)] section 15 16 431:2-C(b)(2) relating to insurance fraud; section 707-703 17 relating to negligent homicide in the second degree; section 707-711 relating to assault in the second degree; section 18 19 707-713 relating to reckless endangering in the first degree; section 707-716 relating to terroristic threatening in the first 20 21 degree; section 707-721 relating to unlawful imprisonment in the

first degree; section 707-732 relating to sexual assault or rape

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- 1 in the third degree; section 707-752 relating to promoting child
- 2 abuse in the third degree; section 707-757 relating to
- 3 electronic enticement of a child in the second degree; section
- 4 707-766 relating to extortion in the second degree; section
- 5 708-811 relating to burglary in the second degree; section
- 6 708-821 relating to criminal property damage in the second
- 7 degree; section 708-831 relating to theft in the first degree as
- 8 amended by Act 68, Session Laws of Hawaii 1981; section 708-831
- 9 relating to theft in the second degree; section 708-835.5
- 10 relating to theft of livestock; section 708-836 relating to
- 11 unauthorized control of propelled vehicle; section 708-839.8
- 12 relating to identity theft in the third degree; section 708-
- 13 839.55 relating to unauthorized possession of confidential
- 14 personal information; section 708-852 relating to forgery in the
- 15 second degree; section 708-854 relating to criminal possession
- 16 of a forgery device; section 708-875 relating to trademark
- 17 counterfeiting; section 710-1071 relating to intimidating a
- 18 witness; section 711-1103 relating to riot; section 712-1203
- 19 relating to promoting prostitution in the second degree; section
- 20 712-1221 relating to gambling in the first degree; section 712-
- 21 1224 relating to possession of gambling records in the first
- 22 degree; section 712-1243 relating to promoting a dangerous drug



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1	in the third degree; section 712-1247 relating to promoting a
2	detrimental drug in the first degree; section 846E-9 relating to
3	failure to comply with covered offender registration
4	requirements; section 134-7 relating to ownership or possession
5	of firearms or ammunition by persons convicted of certain
6	crimes; section 134-8 relating to ownership, etc., of prohibited
7	weapons; section 134-9 relating to permits to carry, or who is
8 .	convicted of attempting to commit murder in the second degree,
9	any class A felony, any class B felony, or any of the class C
10	felony offenses enumerated above and who has a prior conviction
11	or prior convictions for the following felonies, including an
12	attempt to commit the same: murder, murder in the first or
13	second degree, a class A felony, a class B felony, any of the
14	class C felony offenses enumerated above, or any felony
15	conviction of another jurisdiction, shall be sentenced to a

18 (a) One prior felony conviction:

parole during such period as follows:

19 (i) Where the instant conviction is for murder in the second degree or attempted murder in the second degree--ten years;

mandatory minimum period of imprisonment without possibility of

1	(ii)	Where the instant conviction is for a class A
2		felonysix years, eight months;
3	(iii)	Where the instant conviction is for a class B
4		felonythree years, four months; and
5	(iv)	Where the instant conviction is for a class C
6		felony offense enumerated aboveone year, eight
7		months;
8	(b) Two	prior felony convictions:
9	(i)	Where the instant conviction is for murder in the
10		second degree or attempted murder in the second
11		degreetwenty years;
12	(ii)	Where the instant conviction is for a class A
13		felonythirteen years, four months;
14	(iii)	Where the instant conviction is for a class B
15		felonysix years, eight months; and
16	(iv)	Where the instant conviction is for a class C
l 7		felony offense enumerated abovethree years,
18		four months;
19	(c) Thr	ee or more prior felony convictions:
20	(i)	Where the instant conviction is for murder in the
21		second degree or attempted murder in the second
22		degreethirty years;

1	(ii) Where the instant convid	ction is for a class A
2	felonytwenty years;	
3	(iii) Where the instant convi	ction is for a class B
4	felonyten years; and	
5	(iv) Where the instant convi	ction is for a class C
6	felony offense enumerate	ed abovefive years."
7	SECTION 7. Section 706-643, Hawa	ii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended by amending subsection (2) to	read as follows:
9	"(2) All fines and other final pa	ayments received by a
10	clerk or other officer of a court shal	l be accounted for, with
11	the names of persons making payment, a	nd the amount and date
12	thereof, being recorded. All such fun	ds shall be deposited with
13	the director of finance to the credit	of the general fund of the
14	State. With respect to fines and bail	forfeitures [which] that
15	are proceeds of the wildlife revolving	fund under section 183D-
16	10.5, and fines that are proceeds of t	he compliance resolution
17	fund under sections 26-9(o) and 431:2-	\underline{J} , the director of finance
18	shall transmit the fines and forfeitur	es to [that fund.] <u>the</u>
19	respective funds."	
20	SECTION 8. Section 806-83, Hawai	i Revised Statutes, is
21	amended by amending subsection (a) to	read as follows:

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               Criminal charges may be instituted by written
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    information for a felony when the charge is a class C felony
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    under section 19-3.5 (voter fraud); section 128D-10 (knowing
    releases); section 132D-14(a)(1), (2)(A), and (3) (penalties for
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    failure to comply with requirements of sections 132D-7, 132D-10,
6
    and 132D-16); section 134-24 (place to keep unloaded firearms
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    other than pistols and revolvers); section 134-7(a) and (b)
    (ownership or possession prohibited); section 134-8 (prohibited
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    ownership); section 134-9 (licenses to carry); section 134-17(a)
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    (relating to false information or evidence concerning
11
    psychiatric or criminal history); section 134-51 (deadly
12
    weapons); section 134-52 (switchblade knives); section 134-53
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    (butterfly knives); section 188-23 (possession or use of
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    explosives, electrofishing devices, and poisonous substances in
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    state waters prohibited); section 231-34 (attempt to evade or
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    defeat tax); section 231-36 (false and fraudulent statements);
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    section 245-37 (sale or purchase of packages of cigarettes
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    without stamps); section 245-38 (vending unstamped cigarettes);
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    section 245-51 (sale of export cigarettes prohibited); section
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    245-52 (alteration of packaging prohibited); section 291C-12.5
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    (accidents involving substantial bodily injury); section
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    291E-61.5 (habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of
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- 1 an intoxicant); section 329-41 (prohibited acts B); section
- 2 329-42 (prohibited acts C); section 329-43.5 (prohibited acts
- 3 related to drug paraphernalia); section 329C-2 (manufacture,
- 4 distribution, or possession with intent to distribute an
- 5 imitation controlled substance to a person under eighteen years
- 6 of age); section 346-34(d)(2) and (e) (fraud involving food
- 7 stamps or coupons with a value exceeding \$300); section 346-43.5
- 8 (medical assistance fraud); section 383-141 (falsely obtaining
- 9 benefits); [section 431:10C-307.7] section 431:2-C(b)(2)
- 10 (insurance fraud); section 482D-7 (violation of fineness
- 11 standards and stamping requirements); section 485A-301
- 12 (registration of securities); section 485A-401 (registration of
- 13 broker-dealers); section 485A-402 (registration of agents);
- 14 section 485A-403 (registration of investment advisors); section
- 15 485A-404 (registration of investment advisor representatives);
- 16 section 485A-405 (registration of federal covered investment
- 17 advisors; section 485A-501 (general fraud); section 485A-502
- 18 (prohibited conduct in providing investment advice); section
- 19 707-703 (negligent homicide in the second degree); section
- 20 707-705 (negligent injury in the first degree); section 707-711
- 21 (assault in the second degree); section 707-713 (reckless
- 22 endangering in the first degree); section 707-721 (unlawful



- 1 imprisonment in the first degree); section 707-726 (custodial
- 2 interference in the first degree); section 707-757 (electronic
- 3 enticement of a child in the second degree); section 707-766
- 4 (extortion in the second degree); section 708-811 (burglary in
- 5 the second degree); section 708-821 (criminal property damage in
- 6 the second degree); section 708-831 (theft in the second
- 7 degree); section 708-833.5 (shoplifting); section 708-835.5
- 8 (theft of livestock); section 708-836 (unauthorized control of
- 9 propelled vehicle); section 708-836.5 (unauthorized entry into
- 10 motor vehicle); section 708-839.5 (theft of utility services);
- 11 section 708-839.8 (identity theft in the third degree); section
- 12 708-852 (forgery in the second degree); section 708-854
- 13 (criminal possession of a forgery device); section 708-858
- 14 (suppressing a testamentary or recordable instrument); section
- 15 708-875 (trademark counterfeiting); section 708-891.5 (computer
- 16 fraud in the second degree); section 708-892.5 (computer damage
- 17 in the second degree); section 708-895.6 (unauthorized computer
- 18 access in the second degree); section 708-8100 (fraudulent use
- 19 of a credit card); section 708-8102 (theft/forgery of credit
- 20 cards); section 708-8103 (credit card fraud by a provider of
- 21 goods or services); section 708-8104 (possession of unauthorized
- credit card machinery or incomplete cards); section 708-8200



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    (cable television service fraud in the first degree); section
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    708-8202 (telecommunication service fraud in the first degree);
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    section 709-903.5 (endangering the welfare of a minor in the
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    first degree); section 709-906 (abuse of family or household
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    members); section 710-1016.3 (obtaining a government-issued
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    identification document under false pretenses in the first
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    degree); section 710-1016.6 (impersonating a law enforcement
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    officer in the first degree); section 710-1017.5 (sale or
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    manufacture of deceptive identification document); section 710-
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    1018 (securing the proceeds of an offense); section 710-1021
    (escape in the second degree); section 710-1023 (promoting
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    prison contraband in the second degree); section 710-1024 (bail
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    jumping in the first degree); section 710-1029 (hindering
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    prosecution in the first degree); section 710-1060 (perjury);
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    section 710-1072.5 (obstruction of justice); section 711-1103
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    (riot); section 711-1109.3 (cruelty to animals/fighting dogs);
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    section 711-1110.9 (violation of privacy in the first degree);
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    section 711-1112 (interference with the operator of a public
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    transit vehicle); section 712-1221 (promoting gambling in the
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    first degree); section 712-1222.5 (promoting gambling aboard
    ships); section 712-1224 (possession of gambling records in the
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    first degree); section 712-1243 (promoting a dangerous drug in
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- 1 the third degree); section 712-1246 (promoting a harmful drug in 2 the third degree); section 712-1247 (promoting a detrimental 3 drug in the first degree); section 712-1249.6 (promoting a controlled substance in, on, or near schools or school 4 5 vehicles); section 803-42 (interception, access, and disclosure 6 of wire, oral, or electronic communications, use of pen 7 register, trap and trace device, and mobile tracking device prohibited); or section 846E-9(b) (failure to comply with 8 covered offender registration requirements)." 9 10 SECTION 9. Section 431:10A-131, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 11 is repealed. 12 ["{\$431:10A-131} Insurance fraud; penalties. (a) A person 13 commits the offense of insurance fraud if the person acts or omits to act with intent to obtain benefits or recovery or 14 compensation for services provided, or provides legal assistance 15 16 or counsel with intent to obtain benefits or recovery, through 17 the following means: (1) Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be 18 19 presented, with the intent to defraud, any false 20 information on a claim; 21 (2) Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be 22 presented, any false claim for the payment of a loss;
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1	(3)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
2		presented, multiple claims for the same loss or
3		injury, including presenting multiple claims to more
4		than one insurer, except when these multiple claims
5		are appropriate;
6	(4)	Knowingly making, or causing or permitting to be made,
7		any false claim for payment of a health care benefit;
8	(5)	Knowingly submitting, or causing or permitting to be
9		submitted, a claim for a health care benefit that was
10		not used by, or provided on behalf of, the claimant;
11	(6)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
12		presented, multiple claims for payment of the same
13		health care benefit except when these multiple claims
14		are appropriate;
15	(7)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
16		presented, for payment any undercharges for benefits
17		on behalf of a specific claimant unless any known
18		overcharges for benefits under this article for that
19		claimant are presented for reconciliation at the same
20		time;

1	(8)	Aiding, or agreeing or attempting to aid, soliciting,
2,		or conspiring with any person who engages in an
3		unlawful act as defined under this section; or
4	(9)	Knowingly making, or causing or permitting to be made,
5		any false statements or claims by, or on behalf of,
6		any person or persons during an official proceeding as
7		defined by section 710-1000.
8	(b)	Violation of subsection (a) is a criminal offense and
9	shall con:	stitute a:
10	(1)	Class B felony if the value of the benefits, recovery,
11		or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained
12		is-more than \$20,000;
13	(2)	Class C felony if the value of the benefits, recovery,
14		or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained
15		is more than \$300; or
16	(3)	Misdemeanor if the value of the benefits, recovery, or
17		compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained is
18		\$300 or less.
19	(c)	Where the ability to make restitution can be
20	demonstra	ted, any person convicted under this section shall be
21	ordered b	y a court to make restitution to an insurer or any
22	other per	son for any financial loss sustained by the insurer or
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1 other person caused by the act or acts for which the person was 2 convicted. 3 (d) A person, if acting without malice, shall not be subject to civil liability for providing information, including 4 5 filing a report, furnishing oral or written evidence, providing 6 documents, or giving testimony concerning suspected, 7 anticipated, or completed public or private insurance fraud to a court, the commissioner, the insurance fraud investigations 8 unit, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, any 9 10 federal, state, or county law enforcement or regulatory agency, 11 or another insurer if the information is provided only for the 12 purpose of preventing, investigating, or prosecuting insurance 13 fraud, except if the person commits perjury. (e) This section shall not supersede any other law 14 15 relating to theft, fraud, or deception. Insurance fraud may be 16 prosecuted under this section, or any other applicable section, 17 and may be enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction. 18 (f) An insurer shall have a civil cause of action to 19 recover payments or benefits from any person who has 20 intentionally obtained payments or benefits in violation of this 21 section; provided that no recovery shall be allowed if the 22 person has made restitution under subsection (c)."]

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1	SECT	ION 10. Section 431:10C-307.7, Hawaii Revised
2	Statutes,	is repealed.
3	[" §4	31:10C-307.7 Insurance fraud; penalties. (a) A
4	person co	mmits the offense of insurance fraud if the person acts
5	or omits	to act with intent to obtain benefits or recovery or
6	compensat	ion for services provided, or provides legal assistance
7	or counse	l with intent to obtain benefits or recovery, through
8	the follo	wing means:
9	(1)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
10		presented, any false information on a claim;
11	(2)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
12		presented, any false claim for the payment of a loss;
13	(3)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
14		presented, multiple claims for the same loss or
15		injury, including presenting multiple claims to more
16		than one insurer, except when these multiple claims
17		are appropriate;
18	(4)	Knowingly making, or causing or permitting to be made,
19		any false claim for payment of a health care benefit;
20	(5)	Knowingly submitting, or causing or permitting to be
21		submitted, a claim for a health care benefit that was
22		not used by, or provided on behalf of, the claimant;

1	(6)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
2		presented, multiple claims for payment of the same
3		health care benefit except when these multiple claims
4		are appropriate;
5	(7)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
6		presented, for payment any undercharges for benefits
7		on behalf of a specific claimant unless any known
8		overcharges for benefits under this article for that
9		claimant are presented for reconciliation at the same
10		time;
11	(8.)	Aiding, or agreeing or attempting to aid, soliciting,
12		or conspiring with any person who engages in an
13		unlawful act as defined under this section; or
14	(9)	Knowingly making, or causing or permitting to be made,
15		any false statements or claims by, or on behalf of,
16		any person or persons during an official proceeding as
17		defined by section 710-1000.
18	(b)	Violation of subsection (a) is a criminal offense and
19	shall con	stitute a:
20	(1)	Class B felony if the value of the benefits, recovery,
21		or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained
22		is more than \$20,000;

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1	(2)	Class C relony if the value of the benefits, recovery,
2		or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained
3		is more than \$300; or
4,	(3)	Misdemeanor if the value of the benefits, recovery, or
5		compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained is
6		\$300 or less.
7	(c)	Where the ability to make restitution can be
8	demonstra	ted, any person convicted under this section shall be
9	ordered k	y a court to make restitution to an insurer or any
10	other per	son for any financial loss sustained by the insurer or
11	other per	son caused by the act or acts for which the person was
12	convicted	└
13	(d)	A person, if acting without malice, shall not be
14	subject t	co civil liability for providing information, including
15	filing a	report, furnishing oral or written evidence, or giving
16	testimony	concerning suspected, anticipated, or completed
17	insurance	e fraud to a court, the commissioner, the insurance
18	fraud inv	restigations unit, the National Association of Insurance
19	Commissio	oners, any federal, state, or county law enforcement or
20	regulator	y agency, or another insurer if the information is
21	provided	only for the purpose of preventing, investigating, or

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prosecuting insurance fraud, except if the person commits
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    perjury.
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         (e) This section shall not supersede any other law
    relating to theft, fraud, or deception. Insurance fraud may be
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    prosecuted under this section, or any other applicable section,
    and may be enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
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         (f) An insurer shall have a civil cause of action to
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    recover payments or benefits from any person who has
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    intentionally obtained payments or benefits in violation of this
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    section; provided that no recovery shall be allowed if the
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    person has made restitution under subsection (c).
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         (g) All applications for insurance under this article and
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    all claim forms provided and required by an insurer, regardless
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    of the means of transmission, shall contain, or have attached to
    them, the following or a substantially similar statement, in a
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    prominent location and typeface as determined by the insurer:
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    "For your protection, Hawaii law requires you to be informed
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    that presenting a fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or
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    benefit is a crime punishable by fines or imprisonment, or
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    both." The absence of such a warning in any application or
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    claim form shall not constitute a defense to a charge of
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    insurance fraud under this section.
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1	(h) An insurer, or the insurer's employee or agent, having
2	determined that there is reason to believe that a claim is being
3	made in violation of this section, shall provide to the
4	insurance fraud investigations unit within sixty days of that
5	determination, information, including documents and other
6	evidence, regarding the claim in the form and manner prescribed
7	by the unit. Information provided pursuant to this subsection
8	shall be protected from public disclosure to the extent
9	authorized by chapter 92F and section 431:2-209; provided that
10	the unit may release the information in an administrative or
11	judicial proceeding to enforce this section, to a federal,
12	state, or local law enforcement or regulatory authority, to the
13	National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or to an
14	insurer aggrieved by the claim reasonably believed to violate
15	this section."]
16	SECTION 11. Section 431:10C-307.8, Hawaii Revised
17	Statutes, is repealed.
18	["\$431:10C-307.8 Insurance fraud investigations unit. (a
19	There is established in the insurance division an insurance
20	fraud investigations unit.
21	(b) The unit shall employ attorneys, investigators,
22	investigator assistants, and other support staff as necessary to

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- promote the effective and efficient conduct of the unit's 1 2 activities. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the 3 attorneys may represent the State in any judicial or 4 administrative proceeding to enforce all applicable state laws 5 relating to insurance fraud, including but not limited to 6 criminal prosecutions and actions for declaratory and injunctive 7 relief. Investigators may serve process and apply for and 8 execute search warrants pursuant to chapter 803 and the rules of 9 court but shall not otherwise have the powers of a police 10 officer or deputy sheriff. The commissioner may hire such 11 employees not subject to chapter 76. 12 (c) The purpose of the insurance fraud investigations unit 13 shall be to conduct a statewide program for the prevention, 14 investigation, and prosecution of insurance fraud cases and violations of all applicable state laws relating to insurance 15 16 fraud. The insurance fraud investigations unit may also review 17 and take appropriate action on complaints relating to insurance 18 fraud." 19 SECTION 12. Section 432:1-106, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 20 repealed. ["[\$432:1-106] Insurance fraud; penalties. (a) A person
 - commits the offense of insurance fraud if the person acts or HB262 CD1 HMS 2009-3896

1	omits to	act with intent to obtain benefits or recovery or
2	compensat	ion for services provided, or provides legal assistance
3	or counse	l with intent to obtain benefits or recovery, through
4	the follo	wing means:
5	(1)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
6		presented, with the intent to defraud, any false
7		information on a claim;
8	(2)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
9		presented, any false claim for the payment of a loss;
10	(3)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
11		presented, multiple claims for the same loss or
12		injury, including presenting multiple claims to more
13		than one insurer, except when these multiple claims
14		are appropriate;
15	(4)	Knowingly making, or causing or permitting to be made,
16		any false claim for payment of a health care benefit;
17	(5)	Knowingly submitting, or causing or permitting to be
18		submitted, a claim for a health care benefit that was
19		not used by, or provided on behalf of, the claimant;
20	(6)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
21		presented, multiple claims for payment of the same

.1		health care benefit except when these multiple claims
2		are appropriate;
3	(7)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
4		presented, for payment any undercharges for benefits
5		on behalf of a specific claimant unless any known
6		overcharges for benefits under this article for that
7		claimant are presented for reconciliation at the same
8		time;
9	(8)	Aiding, or agreeing or attempting to aid, soliciting,
10		or conspiring with any person who engages in an
11		unlawful act as defined under this section; or
12	(9)	Knowingly making, or causing or permitting to be made,
13		any false statements or claims by, or on behalf of,
14		any person or persons during an official proceeding as
15		defined by section 710-1000.
16	(b)	Violation of subsection (a) is a criminal offense and
17	shall con	stitute a:
18	(1)	Class B felony if the value of the benefits, recovery,
19		or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained
20		is more than \$20,000;

1	(2) Class C felony if the value of the benefits, recovery,
2	or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained
3	is more than \$300; or
4	(3) Misdemeanor if the value of the benefits, recovery, or
5	compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained is
6	\$300 or less.
7	(c) Where the ability to make restitution can be
8	demonstrated, any person convicted under this section shall be
9	ordered by a court to make restitution to an insurer or any
10	other person for any financial loss sustained by the insurer or
11	other person caused by the act or acts for which the person was
12	convicted.
13	(d) A person, if acting without malice, shall not be
14	subject to civil liability for providing information, including
15	filing a report, furnishing oral or written evidence, providing
16	documents, or giving testimony concerning suspected,
17	anticipated, or completed public or private insurance fraud to
18	court, the commissioner, the insurance fraud investigations
19	unit, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, any
20	federal, state, or county law enforcement or regulatory agency,
21	or another insurer if the information is provided only for the

1	purpose of preventing, investigating, or prosecuting insurance
2	fraud, except if the person commits perjury.
3	(e) This section shall not supersede any other law
4	relating to theft, fraud, or deception. Insurance fraud may be
5	prosecuted under this section, or any other applicable section,
6	and may be enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
7	(f) An insurer shall have a civil cause of action to
8	recover payments or benefits from any person who has
9	intentionally obtained payments or benefits in violation of this
10	section; provided that no recovery shall be allowed if the
11	person has made restitution under subsection (c)."]
12	SECTION 13. Section 432D-18.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13	repealed.
14	["[\$432D-18.5] Insurance fraud; penalties. (a) A person
15	commits the offense of insurance fraud if the person acts or
16	omits to act with intent to obtain benefits or recovery or
17	compensation for services provided, or provides legal assistance
18	or counsel with intent to obtain benefits or recovery, through
19	the following means:
20	(1) Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
21	presented, with the intent to defraud, any false
22	information on a claim;

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1	(2)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
2		presented, any false claim for the payment of a loss;
3	(3)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
4		presented, multiple claims for the same loss or
5		injury, including presenting multiple claims to more
6		than one insurer, except when these multiple claims
7		are appropriate;
8	(4)	Knowingly making, or causing or permitting to be made,
9		any false claim for payment of a health care benefit;
10	(5)	Knowingly submitting, or causing or permitting to be
11		submitted, a claim for a health care benefit that was
12		not used by, or provided on behalf of, the claimant;
13	(6)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
14		presented, multiple claims for payment of the same
15		health care benefit except when these multiple claims
16		are appropriate;
17	(7)	Knowingly presenting, or causing or permitting to be
18		presented, for payment any undercharges for benefits
19		on behalf of a specific claimant unless any known
20		overcharges for benefits under this article for that
21		claimant are presented for reconciliation at the same
22		time;

1	(8)	Aiding, or agreeing or attempting to aid, soliciting,	
2		or conspiring with any person who engages in an	
3		unlawful act as defined under this section; or	
4	(9)	Knowingly making, or causing or permitting to be made,	
5		any false statements or claims by, or on behalf of,	
6		any person or persons during an official proceeding as	
7		defined by section 710-1000.	
8	(b)	Violation of subsection (a) is a criminal offense and	
9	shall constitute a:		
10	(1)	Class B felony if the value of the benefits, recovery,	
11		or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained	
12		is more than \$20,000;	
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14		or compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained	
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16	(3)	Misdemeanor if the value of the benefits, recovery, or	
17		compensation obtained or attempted to be obtained is	
18		\$300 or less.	
19	(c)	Where the ability to make restitution can be	
20	demonstrated, any person convicted under this section shall be		
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22	other per	son for any financial loss sustained by the insurer or	
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1 other person caused by the act or acts for which the person was 2 convicted. (d) A person, if acting without malice, shall not be 3 subject to civil liability for providing information, including 4 filing a report, furnishing oral or written evidence, providing 5 6 documents, or giving testimony concerning suspected, 7 anticipated, or completed public or private insurance fraud to a 8 court, the commissioner, the insurance fraud investigations 9 unit, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, any 10 federal, state, or county law enforcement or regulatory agency, 11 or another insurer if the information is provided only for the 12 purpose of preventing, investigating, or prosecuting insurance fraud, except if the person commits perjury. 13 (e) This section shall not supersede any other law 14 15 relating to theft, fraud, or deception. Insurance fraud may be 16 prosecuted under this section, or any other applicable section, 17 and may be enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction. (f) An insurer shall have a civil cause of action to 18 19 recover payments or benefits from any person who has intentionally obtained payments or benefits in violation of this 20 21 section; provided that no recovery shall be allowed if the

person has made restitution under subsection (c)."]

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- 1 SECTION 14. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of 2 the insurance fraud investigations unit are transferred to the
- 3 insurance fraud investigations branch.
- 4 All officers and employees whose functions are transferred
- 5 by this Act shall be transferred with their functions and shall
- 6 continue to perform their regular duties upon their transfer,
- 7 subject to the state personnel laws and this Act.
- 8 Any employee who, prior to the effective date of this Act,
- 9 was exempt from civil service and who may be transferred as a
- 10 consequence of this Act, may continue to retain the employee's
- 11 exempt status, but shall not be appointed to a civil service
- 12 position because of this Act. No employee who is transferred as
- 13 a result of this Act shall suffer any loss of prior service
- 14 credit, any vacation and sick leave credits previously earned,
- 15 or other employee benefits or privileges as a consequence of
- 16 this Act. The director of commerce and consumer affairs shall
- 17 prescribe the duties and qualifications of such employees and
- 18 fix their salaries without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised
- 19 Statutes.
- 20 SECTION 15. All appropriations, records, equipment,
- 21 machines, files, supplies, contracts, books, papers, documents,
- 22 maps, and other personal property heretofore made, used,



- 1 acquired, or held by the insurance fraud investigations unit
- 2 relating to the functions transferred to the insurance fraud
- 3 investigations branch shall be transferred with the functions to
- 4 which they relate.
- 5 SECTION 16. All rules, policies, procedures, guidelines,
- 6 and other material adopted or developed by the department of
- 7 commerce and consumer affairs to implement provisions of the
- 8 Hawaii Revised Statutes which are reenacted or made applicable
- 9 to the department of commerce and consumer affairs by this Act,
- 10 shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed
- 11 by the department of commerce and consumer affairs pursuant to
- 12 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes. In the interim, every
- 13 reference to the insurance fraud investigations unit or director
- 14 of commerce and consumer affairs in those rules, policies,
- 15 procedures, guidelines, and other material is amended to refer
- 16 to the insurance fraud investigations branch or director of
- 17 commerce and consumer affairs as appropriate.
- 18 SECTION 17. This Act does not affect rights and duties
- 19 that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that
- 20 were begun, before its effective date.
- 21 SECTION 18. In codifying the new sections added by section
- 22 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute



- 1 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
- 2 the new sections in this Act.
- 3 SECTION 19. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 5 SECTION 20. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

APPROVED this 24 day of

JUN

, 2009

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII