HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009 STATE OF HAWAII

H.C.R. NO. 41

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF LOCKSMITHS.

WHEREAS, only ten states have locksmith licensing laws and 1 2 only three have locksmith registration laws in contrast to the 3 claims of many locksmiths who use their mere business registration or license to claim that they are "licensed" in a 4 professional sense; and 5 6 WHEREAS, locksmiths have begun to emerge in every state who 7 have little or no training and whose backgrounds have not been 8 9 checked for possible past criminal activity; and 10 WHEREAS, these locksmiths reportedly often employ 11 questionable trade practices such as a "bait-and-switch" in 12 which the consumer is quoted one price over the phone but 13 charged up to five times that amount when the job is completed; 14 15 and 16 17 WHEREAS, the public deserves to be able to place their trust in those who hold themselves out as locksmith 18 professionals; and 19 20 WHEREAS, locksmiths are currently an unregulated profession 21 and section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that any 22 new regulatory measure being considered for enactment in this 23 State concerning heretofore unregulated professions and 24 25 occupations must be referred to the Auditor for analysis; now, therefore, 26 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 29 30 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a sunrise analysis of the regulation of locksmiths as 31 contemplated under H.B. No. 344, introduced during the Regular 32 Session of 2009; and 33



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit any findings and recommendation, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and 6

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the 9 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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