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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII REGISTERED AGENTS ACT.

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

1	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follows:
4	"CHAPTER
5	THE HAWAII REGISTERED AGENTS ACT
6	§ -1 Short title. This chapter may be cited as the
7	Hawaii Registered Agents Act.
8	§ -2 Definitions. For purposes of this chapter only:
9	"Appointment of agent" means a statement appointing an
10	agent for service of process filed under section -5.
11	"Commercial registered agent" means an individual or a
12	domestic or foreign entity authorized to transact business in
13	this State and listed under section -6.
14	"Department director" means the director of commerce and
15	consumer affairs.
16	"Domestic entity" means an entity whose internal affairs
17	are governed by the laws of this State.

1 "Entity" means a person that has a separate legal existence 2 or has the power to acquire an interest in real property in its own name other than: 3 4 (1) An individual; 5 A testamentary, inter vivos, or charitable trust, with (2) 6 the exception of a business trust, statutory trust, or 7 similar trust; (3) An association or relationship that is not a 8 9 partnership by reason of section 425-109 or a similar 10 provision of the law of any other jurisdiction; 11 (4) A decedent's estate; or A public corporation, government or governmental 12 (5) subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or quasi-13 14 governmental instrumentality. 15 "Filing entity" means an entity that is created by the 16 filing of a public organic document. 17 "Foreign entity" means an entity other than a domestic 18 entity. "Foreign qualification document" means an application for a 19 certificate of authority or other foreign qualification filing 20 with the department director by a foreign entity. 21

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1	"Governance interest" means the right under the organic law	
2	or organic rules of an entity, other than as a governor, agent,	
3	assignee, or proxy, to:	
4	(1) Receive or demand access to information concerning, or	
5	the books and records of, the entity;	
6	(2) Vote for the election of the governors of the entity;	
7	or	
8	(3) Receive notice of or vote on any or all issues	
9	involving the internal affairs of the entity.	
10	"Governor" means a person by or under whose authority the	
11	powers of an entity are exercised and under whose direction the	
12	business and affairs of the entity are managed pursuant to the	
13	organic law and organic rules of the entity.	
14	"Individual" means a natural person.	
15	"Interest" means a:	
16	(1) Governance interest in an unincorporated entity;	
17	(2) Transferable interest in an unincorporated entity; or	
18	(3) Share or membership in a corporation.	
19	"Interest holder" means a direct holder of an interest.	
20	"Jurisdiction of organization," with respect to an entity,	
21	means the jurisdiction whose law includes the organic law of the	
22	entity.	



1 "Noncommercial registered agent" means a person that is not 2 listed as a commercial registered agent under section -6 and 3 that is: 4 An individual or a domestic or foreign entity that is (1)authorized to transact business in this State and that 5 serves in this State as the agent for service of 6 7 process of an entity; or 8 (2) The individual who holds the office or other position in an entity that is designated as the agent for 9 10 service of process pursuant to section -5(a)(2)(B). 11 "Nonqualified foreign entity" means a foreign entity that 12 is not authorized to transact business in this State pursuant to 13 a filing with the department director. 14 "Nonresident LLP statement" means a statement of: 15 (1) Oualification of a domestic limited liability partnership that does not have an office in this 16 17 State; or 18 (2) Foreign qualification of a foreign limited liability 19 partnership that does not have an office in this 20 State. 21 "Organic law" means the statutes, if any, other than this

22 chapter, governing the internal affairs of an entity.



1 "Organic rules" means the public organic document and 2 private organic rules of an entity. 3 "Person" means an individual, corporation, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, business or similar 4 5 trust, association, joint venture, public corporation, 6 government or governmental subdivision, agency, or 7 instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity. 8 "Private organic rules" means the rules, whether or not in a record, that govern the internal affairs of an entity, are 9 binding on all of its interest holders, and are not part of its 10 11 public organic document, if any. 12 "Public organic document" means the public record the 13 filing of which creates an entity, and any amendment to or 14 restatement of that record. "Qualified foreign entity" means a foreign entity that is 15 authorized to transact business in this State pursuant to a 16 17 filing with the department director. "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible 18 19 medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is 20 retrievable in perceivable form.

21 "Registered agent" means a commercial registered agent or a22 noncommercial registered agent.



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1	"Reg	istered agent filing" means:
2	(1)	The public organic document of a domestic filing
3		entity;
4	(2)	A nonresident LLP statement;
5	(3)	A foreign qualification document; or
6	(4)	An appointment of agent.
7	"Rep	resented entity" means a:
8	(1)	Domestic filing entity;
9	(2)	Domestic or qualified foreign limited liability
10		partnership that does not have an office in this
11		State;
12	(3)	Qualified foreign entity;
13	(4)	Domestic entity that is not a filing entity for which
14		an appointment of agent has been filed; or
15	(5)	Nonqualified foreign entity for which an appointment
16		of agent has been filed.
17	"Sig	n" means, with present intent to authenticate or adopt
18	a record	to:
19	(1)	Execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
20	(2)	Attach to or logically associate with the record an
21		electronic sound, symbol, or process.

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1 "Transferable interest" means the right under an entity's 2 organic law to receive distributions from the entity. 3 "Type," with respect to an entity, means a generic form of 4 entity: 5 Recognized at common law; or (1) 6 (2) Organized under an organic law, whether or not some entities organized under that organic law are subject 7 to provisions of that law that create different 8 9 categories of the form of entity. -3 Fees. (a) The department director shall collect 10 S the following fees when a filing is made under this chapter: 11 12 (1) Commercial registered agent listing statement, \$100; 13 (2) Commercial registered agent termination statement, 14 \$25; Statement of change, \$25 for each affected entity; 15 (3) 16 provided that if more than two hundred simultaneous 17 filings are made, the fee shall be reduced to \$1 for 18 each affected entity; Statement of resignation, \$25 for each affected 19 (4)20 entity; provided that if more than two hundred 21 simultaneous filings are made, the fee shall be 22 reduced to \$1 for each affected entity;



1 Statement appointing an agent for service of process, (5) 2 \$25 for each affected entity; provided that if more than two hundred simultaneous filings are made, the 3 fee shall be reduced to \$1 for each affected entity. 4 5 The department director shall collect the following (b) 6 fees for copying and certifying a copy of any document filed 7 under this chapter: 8 For copying, 25 cents per page; and (1) 9 (2) For certifying the copy, \$10 for a certificate. 10 S -4 Addresses in filings. Whenever a provision of this 11 chapter other than section -11(a)(4) requires that a filing 12 state an address, the filing must state an actual street address 13 or rural route box number in this State. 14 -5 Appointment of registered agent. (a) An entity's 5 15 or other person's registered agent filing, as defined by this 16 chapter, must state: 17 The name of the represented entity's commercial (1) 18 registered agent; or If the entity does not have a commercial registered 19 (2) 20 agent: 21 The name of the individual or the name, type, and (A) 22 jurisdiction of organization of the entity's HB272 HD1 HMS 2009-2667

1 noncommercial registered agent and the address of 2 a place of business of the person in this State 3 to which service of process and other notice and documents being served on or sent to the entity 4 5 represented by it may be delivered; or The title of an office or other position with the (B) 6 7 entity if service of process is to be sent to the 8 person holding that office or position, and the 9 address of the business office in this State of 10 that person; provided that the office or other 11 position stated in the filing shall comport with the requirements of sections 414-64, 414D-74, 12 13 415A-27, 425-21, 425E-117, and 428-110, whichever 14 is applicable. 15 The appointment of a registered agent pursuant to (b) 16 subsection (a)(1) or (2)(A) is an affirmation by the represented

18 S -6 Listing of commercial registered agent. (a) An
19 individual or a domestic or foreign entity may become listed as
20 a commercial registered agent by filing with the department
21 director a certified commercial registered agent listing
22 statement signed by or on behalf of the person which states:

entity that the agent has consented to serve as such.



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1 (1)The name of the individual or the name, type, and jurisdiction of organization of the entity; 2 That the person is in the business of serving as a 3 (2)commercial registered agent in this State; and 4 5 (3)The address of a place of business of the person in this State to which service of process and other 6 7 notice and documents being served on or sent to entities represented by it may be delivered. 8 The name of a person filing a commercial registered 9 (b) 10 agent listing statement shall comport with the requirements of 11 section 414-51, 414D-61, 415A-8, 425-6, 425E-108, or 428-105, 12 whichever is applicable. If the name of a foreign entity or 13 individual is substantially identical to another name in the 14 business registry, the person shall adopt a fictitious name that 15 is not substantially identical and deliver to the department director for filing a copy of a certificate of registration of a 16 trade name and use that name in its statement and when it does 17 18 business in this State as a commercial registered agent. 19 (c) A commercial registered agent listing statement takes 20 effect on filing.

21 § -7 Termination of listing of commercial registered
22 agent. (a) A commercial registered agent may terminate its



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1 listing as a commercial registered agent by filing with the 2 department director a commercial registered agent termination 3 statement signed by or on behalf of the agent which states: 4 (1) The name of the agent as currently listed under 5 section -6: and That the agent is no longer in the business of serving 6 (2) 7 as a commercial registered agent in this State. 8 (b) A commercial registered agent termination statement takes effect on the thirty-first day after the day on which it 9 10 is filed. 11 The commercial registered agent shall promptly furnish (C) 12 each entity represented by it with notice in a record of the 13 filing of the commercial registered agent termination statement. 14 When a commercial registered agent termination (d) 15 statement takes effect, the registered agent ceases to be an 16 agent for service of process on each entity formerly represented 17 by it. Until an entity formerly represented by a terminated 18 commercial registered agent appoints a new registered agent, 19 service of process may be made on the entity as provided by law. 20 Termination of the listing of a commercial registered agent under this section does not affect any contractual rights a 21



1	represented entity may have against the agent or that the agent
2	may have against the entity.
3	§ -8 Change of registered agent by entity . (a) A
4	represented entity may change the information currently on file
5	under section $-5(a)$ by filing with the department director a
6	certified statement of change signed on behalf of the entity
7	which states the:
8	(1) Name of the entity; and
9	(2) Information that is to be in effect as a result of the
10	filing of the statement of change.
11	(b) Interest holders or governors of a domestic entity
12	need not approve the filing of a:
13	(1) Statement of change under this section; or
14	(2) Similar filing changing the registered agent or
15	registered office of the entity in any other
16	jurisdiction.
17	(c) The appointment of a registered agent pursuant to
18	subsection (a) is an affirmation by the represented entity that
19	the agent has consented to serve as such.
20	(d) A statement of change filed under this section takes
21	effect on filing.

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1	S	-9 Change of name or address by noncommercial
2	registere	d agent. (a) If a noncommercial registered agent
3	changes i	ts name or its address as currently in effect with
4	respect t	o a represented entity pursuant to section -5(a),
5	the agent	shall file with the department director, with respect
6	to each e	ntity represented by the agent, a certified statement
7	of change	signed by or on behalf of the agent that states:
8	(1)	The name of the entity;
9	(2)	The name and address of the agent as currently in
10		effect with respect to the entity;
11	(3)	If the name of the agent has changed, its new name;
12		and
13	(4)	If the address of the agent has changed, the new
14		address.
15	(b)	A statement of change filed under this section takes
16	effect on	filing.
17	(c)	A noncommercial registered agent shall promptly
18	furnish tl	he represented entity with notice in a record of the
19	filing of	a statement of change and the changes made by the
20	filing.	
21	5	-10 Change of name, address, or type of organization
22	by commerc	cial registered agent. (a) If a commercial registered
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1 agent changes its name, its address as currently listed under 2 section -6(a), or its type or jurisdiction of organization, 3 the agent shall file with the department director a certified 4 statement of change signed by or on behalf of the agent which 5 states:

6 (1) The name of the agent as currently listed under
7 section -6(a);

8 (2) If the name of the agent has changed, its new name;
9 (3) If the address of the agent has changed, the new

- 10 address; and
- 11 (4) If the type or jurisdiction of organization of the
 12 agent has changed, the new type or jurisdiction of
 13 organization.

(b) The filing of a statement of change under subsection
(a) is effective to change the information regarding the
commercial registered agent with respect to each entity that has
filed to be represented by the agent.

18 (c) A statement of change filed under this section takes19 effect on filing.

20 (d) A commercial registered agent shall promptly furnish21 each entity represented by it with notice in a record of the



1 filing of a statement of change relating to the name or address 2 of the agent and the changes made by the filing. (e) If a commercial registered agent changes its address 3 4 without filing a statement of change as required by this section 5 within thirty days of the address change, the department 6 director may cancel the listing of the agent under section 7 -6. A cancellation under this subsection has the same effect as a termination under section -7. Promptly after canceling 8 9 the listing of an agent, the department director shall serve 10 notice in a record in the manner provided by law on: 11 (1) Each entity represented by the agent, stating that the 12 agent has ceased to be an agent for service of process on the entity and that, until the entity appoints a 13 14 new registered agent, service of process may be made on the entity as provided by law; and 15 (2) 16 The agent, stating that the listing of the agent has been canceled under this section. 17 -11 Resignation of registered agent. (a) A 18 S registered agent may resign at any time with respect to a 19 20 represented entity by filing with the department director a certified statement of resignation signed by or on behalf of the 21

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agent which states:

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1	(1)	The name of the entity;
2	(2)	The name of the agent;
3	(3)	That the agent resigns from serving as agent for
4		service of process for the entity; and
5	(4)	The name and address of the person to which the agent
6		will send the notice required by subsection (c).
7	(b)	A statement of resignation takes effect on the earlier
8	of the th	irty-first day after the day on which it is filed or
9	the appoi	ntment of a new registered agent for the represented
10	entity.	
11	(c)	The registered agent shall promptly furnish the
12	represent	ed entity notice in a record of the date on which a
13	statement	of resignation was filed.
14	(d)	When a statement of resignation takes effect, the
15	registere	d agent ceases to have responsibility for any matter
16	tendered	to it as agent for the represented entity. A
17	resignati	on under this section does not affect any contractual
18	rights th	e entity has against the agent or that the agent has
19	against t	he entity.

20 (e) A registered agent may resign with respect to a
21 represented entity whether or not the entity is in good
22 standing.



1	S	-12 Duties of registered agent. The only duties under
2	this chap	oter of a registered agent that has complied with this
3	chapter a	are:
4	(1)	To forward to the represented entity at the address
5		most recently supplied to the agent by the entity any
6		process, notice, or demand that is served on the
7		agent;
8	(2)	To provide the notices required by this chapter to the
9		entity at the address most recently supplied to the
10		agent by the entity;
11	(3)	If the agent is a noncommercial registered agent, to
12		keep current the information required by section
13		-5(a) in the most recent registered agent filing
14	ż	for the entity; and
15	(4)	If the agent is a commercial registered agent, to keep
16		current the information listed for it under section
17		-6(a).
18	S	-13 Jurisdiction and venue. The appointment or
19	maintenan	ice in this State of a registered agent does not by
20	itself cr	eate the basis for personal jurisdiction over the
21	represent	ed entity in this State. The address of the agent does



not determine venue in an action or proceeding involving the
 entity.

3 -14 Relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and S 4 National Commerce Act. This chapter modifies, limits, and 5 supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and 6 National Commerce Act, 15 United States Code Section 7001, et 7 seq., but does not modify, limit, or supersede Section 101(c) of 8 that Act, 15 United States Code Section 7001(c), or authorize 9 delivery of any of the notices described in Section 103(b) of 10 that Act, 15 United States Code Section 7003(b)."

SECTION 2. Section 414-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) Written notice to a domestic or foreign corporation (authorized to transact business in this State) may be addressed to its registered agent [at its registered office] or to the corporation or its secretary at its principal office shown in its most recent annual report or, in the case of a foreign corporation that has not yet delivered an annual report, in its application for a certificate of authority."

20 SECTION 3. Section 414-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1	" (a)	The following fees shall be paid to the department
2	director	upon the filing of corporate documents:
3	(1)	Articles of incorporation, \$100;
4	(2)	Articles of amendment, \$25;
5	(3)	Restated articles of incorporation, \$25;
6	(4)	Articles of conversion or merger, \$100;
7	(5)	Articles of merger (subsidiary corporation), \$50;
8	(6)	Articles of dissolution, \$25;
9	(7)	Annual report of domestic and foreign corporations
10		organized for profit, \$25;
11	[(8)	Agent's statement of change of registered office, \$25
12		for each affected domestic corporation or foreign
13		corporation, except if simultaneous filings are made,
14		the fee is reduced to \$1 for each affected domestic
15		corporation or foreign corporation in excess of two
16		hundred;
17	(9)]	(8) Any other statement, report, certificate,
18		application, or other corporate document, except an
19		annual report, of a domestic or foreign corporation,
20		\$25;
21	[(10)]	(9) Application for a certificate of authority, \$100;

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1	[(11)]	(10) Application for a certificate of withdrawal,
2		\$25;
3	[(12)]	(11) Reservation of corporate name, \$10;
4	[(13)]	(12) Transfer of reservation of corporate name, \$10;
5	[(14)]	(13) Good standing certificate, \$5;
6	[(15)]	(14) Special handling fee for review of corporation
7		documents, excluding articles of conversion or merger,
8		\$25;
9	[(16)]	(15) Special handling fee for review of articles of
10		conversion or merger, \$75;
11	[(17)]	(16) Special handling fee for certificates issued by
12		the department, \$10 per certificate; [and
13	(18)]	(17) Special handling fee for certification of
14	a a	documents, \$10[+]; and
15	(18)	For filings relating to registered agents, the fees
16		established by section -3."
17	SECT	ION 4. Section 414-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
19	"(a)	The articles of incorporation shall set forth:
20	(1)	A corporate name for the corporation that satisfies
21		the requirements of section 414-51;



1	(2)	The number of shares the corporation is authorized to
2		issue;
3	(3)	The mailing address of the corporation's initial
4		principal office[, the street address of the
5		corporation's initial registered office, and the name
6		of its initial registered agent at its initial
7		registered office;] and the information required by
8		section -5(a); and
9	(4)	The name and address of each incorporator."
10	SECT	ION 5. Section 414-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11	amended to	o read as follows:
12	" §4 1	4-61 Registered [effice and registered] agent. Each
13	corporatio	on shall continuously maintain in this State[+
14	(1)	A registered office that may be the same as any of its
15		places of business; and
16	(2)	A] a registered agent, who shall have a business
17		address in this State and may be:
18	[-	(A)] (1) An individual who resides in this State [and
19		whose business office is identical with the
20		<pre>registered office];</pre>
21	[-	(B) (2) A domestic entity authorized to transact
22		business or conduct affairs in this State [whose
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1	business office is identical with the registered
2	office]; or
3	$\left[\frac{(C)}{(C)}\right]$ (3) A foreign entity authorized to transact
4	business or conduct affairs in this State [whose
5	business office is identical with the registered
6	office]."
7	SECTION 6. Section 414-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to read as follows:
9	"§414-62 Designation or change of [registered office or]
10	registered agent. (a) A corporation that does not already have
11	a [registered office and] registered agent shall designate its
12	[registered office and] registered agent by [delivering to the
13	department director for filing a statement of designation that
14	sets forth:
15	(1) The name of the corporation;
16	(2) The street address of its initial registered office in
17	this State and the name of its initial registered
18	agent at its initial registered office; and
19	(3) That the street addresses of its registered office and
20	agent shall be identical.] complying with section
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1	(b)	A corporation may change its [registered office or
2	its] regi	stered agent by [delivering to the department director
3	for filin	g a statement of change that sets forth:
4	(1)	The name of the corporation;
5	(2)	The street address of its current registered office,
6		the name of its current registered agent at its
7		registered office, and any changes required to keep
8		the information current; and
9	(3)	That after the change or changes are made, the street
10		addresses of its registered office and agent shall be
11		identical.] complying with section -8.
12	(c)	If the registered [agent's street address changes, the
13	register e	d agent may change the street address of the
14	corporati	on's registered office by notifying the corporation in
15	writing e	f the change and signing (either manually or in
16	facsimile) and delivering to the department director for filing
17	a statem e	nt that complics with the requirements of subsection
18	(a) and r	ecites that the corporation has been notified of the
19	change.]	agent changes its name, its address, or its type or
20	jurisdict	ion of organization, the agent shall comply with the
21	requireme	ents of section -9 or -10, whichever is
22	applicabl	<u>e.</u> "



1	SECTION 7. Section 414-63, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	"§414-63 Resignation of registered agent. $[-(a)]$ A
4	registered agent may resign from the registered agent's
5	appointment by [signing and delivering to the department
6	director for filing the signed statement of resignation. The
7	statement may include a statement that the registered office is
8	also discontinued.
9	(b) The registered agent shall mail one copy to the
10	registered office (if not discontinued) and the other copy to
11	the corporation at its principal office.
12	(c) The appointment of the agent is terminated, and the
13	registered office discontinued if so provided, on the thirty-
14	first day after the date on which the statement was filed.]
15	complying with the requirements of section -11."
16	SECTION 8. Section 414-371, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17	amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
18	"(b) The corporation shall commence the proceeding in the
19	circuit court. If the corporation is a foreign corporation
20	[without a registered office in this State], it shall commence
21	the proceeding in the county in this State where the
22	[registered] principal office of the domestic corporation merged
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1	with or w	hose shares were acquired by the foreign corporation
2	was locat	ed[\pm] or, if the domestic corporation did not have its
3	principal	office in this State at the time of the transaction,
4	then in t	he city and county of Honolulu."
5	SECT	ION 9. Section 414-387, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended b	y amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
7	" (b)	The notice must:
8	(1)	Be published one time in a newspaper of general
9		circulation in the county where the dissolved
10		corporation's principal office is or was located (or,
11		if none in this State, [its registered office) is or
12		was last located;] in the city and county of
13		Honolulu);
14	(2)	Describe the information that must be included in a
15		claim and provide a mailing address where the claim
16		may be sent; and
17	(3)	State that a claim against the corporation will be
18		barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is
19		commenced within five years after the publication of
20		the notice."
21	SECT	ION 10. Section 414-401, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22	amended t	o read as follows:



1	"§414-401 Grounds for administrative dissolution. The
2	department director may commence a proceeding under section
3	414-402 to administratively dissolve a corporation if the
4	corporation fails to:
5	(1) Pay any fees prescribed by law;
6	(2) File its annual report for a period of two years;
7	(3) Appoint and maintain an agent for service of process
8	as required; or
9	(4) File a statement of a change in the name [or business
10	address] of the agent as required under [this]
11	chapter[-]"
12	SECTION 11. Section 414-412, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
14	"(a) Venue for a proceeding by the attorney general to
15	dissolve a corporation lies in circuit court. Venue for a
16	proceeding brought by any other party named in section 414-411
17	lies in the county where a corporation's principal office is or
18	was located (or, if none in this State, [its registered office)
19	is or was last located.] in the city and county of Honolulu)."
20	SECTION 12. Section 414-433, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1	"(a)	A foreign corporation may apply for a certificate of
2	authority	to transact business in this State by delivering an
3	applicatio	on to the department director for filing. The
4	applicatio	on shall set forth:
5	(1)	The name of the foreign corporation or, if its name is
6		unavailable for use in this State, a corporate name
7	8	that satisfies the requirements of section 414-436;
8	(2)	The name of the state or country under whose law it is
9		incorporated;
10	(3)	Its date of incorporation;
11	(4)	The mailing address of the corporation's principal
12		office[, the street address of its registered office
13		in this State, and the name of its registered agent at
14		its registered office in this State;] and the
15		information required by section $-5(a)$; and
16	(5)	The names and usual business addresses of its current
17		directors and officers."
18	SECT	ION 13. Section 414-437, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended to	o read as follows:
20	" \$41 4	4-437 Registered [office and registered] agent of
21	foreign co	orporation. Each foreign corporation authorized to



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1	transact business in this State must continuously maintain in
2	this State[+
3	(1) A registered office that may be the same as any of its
4	places of business; and
5	(2) A] <u>a</u> registered agent, who may be:
6	$\left[\frac{(A)}{(A)}\right]$ (1) An individual who resides in this State [and
7	whose business office is identical with the
8	<pre>registered office];</pre>
9	$\left[\frac{B}{B}\right]$ (2) A domestic entity authorized to transact
10	business in this State [whose business office is
11	identical with the registered office]; or
12	[-(C)] (3) A foreign entity authorized to transact
13	business in this State [whose business office is
14	identical with the registered office]."
15	SECTION 14. Section 414-438, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16	amended to read as follows:
17	"§414-438 Change of [registered office or] registered
18	agent of foreign corporation. (a) A foreign corporation
19	authorized to transact business in this State may change its
20	[registered office or its] registered agent by [delivering to
21	the department director for filing a statement of change that
22	sets forth:
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1	(1)	Its name;
2	(2)	The street address of its current registered office,
3		the name of its current registered agent at its
4		registered office, and any changes required to keep
5		the information current; and
6	(3)	That after the change or changes are made, the street
7		addresses of its registered office and the business
8		office of its registered agent shall be identical.]
9		complying with the requirements of section -8.
10	(b)	If a registered agent changes [the street address of
11	the agent	's business office, the agent may change the street
12	address o	f the registered office of any foreign corporation for
13	which the	agent is the registered agent by notifying the
14	corporati	on in writing of the change and signing (either
15	manually (or in facsimile) and delivering to the department
16	director :	for filing a statement of change that complies with the
17	requireme	nts of subsection (a) and recites that the corporation
18	has been :	notified of the change.] its name, its address, or its
19	type of j	urisdiction or organization, the agent shall comply
20	with the :	requirements of section -9 or -10, whichever is
21	applicable	<u>e.</u> "



SECTION 15. Section 414-439, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended to read as follows:
"§414-439 Resignation of registered agent of foreign
corporation. [(a)] The registered agent of a foreign
corporation may resign from the registered agent's appointment
by [signing and delivering to the department director for filing
a statement of resignation. The statement of resignation may
include a statement that the registered office is also
discontinued.
(b) The registered agent shall attach the filing receipt
to a copy of the statement of resignation and mail the copy and
receipt to the registered office if not discontinued. The
registered agent shall mail a second copy to the foreign
corporation at its principal office address shown in its most
recent annual report.
(c) The appointment of the agent is terminated, and the
registered office discontinued if so provided, on the thirty-
first day after the date on which the statement was filed.]
complying with the requirements of section -11."
SECTION 16. Section 414-472, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1 "(a) Each domestic corporation, and each foreign 2 corporation authorized to transact business in this State, shall deliver to the department director for filing an annual report 3 4 that sets forth: 5 The name of the corporation and the state or country (1)6 under whose law it is incorporated; The mailing address of its principal office[, the 7 (2) 8 address of its registered office in this State, and 9 the name of its registered agent at its registered 10 office in this State;] and the information required by 11 section -5(a); The names and business addresses of its directors and 12 (3) 13 officers; and 14 A brief description of the nature of its business. (4) 15 Domestic corporations shall also provide the total number of 16 authorized shares, itemized by class and series, if any, within 17 each class, and the total number of issued and outstanding shares, itemized by class and series, if any, within each 18 class." 19 20 SECTION 17. Section 414D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

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1	" (a)	The following fees shall be paid to the department
2	director	upon the filing of corporate documents:
3	(1)	Articles of incorporation, \$50;
4	(2)	Articles of amendment, \$10;
5	(3)	Restated articles of incorporation, \$10;
6	(4)	Articles of merger, \$50;
7	(5)	Articles of conversion, \$50;
8	(6)	Articles of dissolution, \$10;
9	(7)	Annual report of nonprofit domestic or foreign
10		corporation, \$5;
11	(8)	Any other statement, report, certificate, application,
12		or other corporate document, except an annual report,
13		of a nonprofit domestic or foreign corporation, \$10;
14	(9)	Application for a certificate of authority, \$50;
15	(10)	Application for a certificate of withdrawal, \$10;
16	(11)	Reservation of corporate name, \$10;
17	(12)	Transfer of reservation of corporate name, \$10;
18	(13)	Good standing certificate, \$5;
19	(14)	Special handling fee for review of corporation
20		documents, excluding articles of merger or conversion,
21		\$25;



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1	(15)	Special handling fee for review of articles of
2		conversion or merger, \$75;
3	(16)	Special handling fee for certificates issued by the
4		department, \$10 per certificate;
5	(17)	Special handling fee for certification of documents,
6		\$10; and
7	(18)	[Agent's statement of change of registered office, \$10
8		for each affected domestic corporation or foreign
9		corporation; provided that if more than two hundred
10		simultaneous filings are made, the fee shall be
11		reduced to \$1 for each affected domestic corporation
12		or foreign corporation.] For filings relating to
13		registered agents, the fees established by section
14	2	<u>-3.</u> "
15	SECT	ION 18. Section 414D-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16	amended b	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
17	" (a)	The articles of incorporation shall set forth:
18	(1)	A corporate name for the corporation that satisfies
19		the requirements of section 414D-61;
20	(2)	The mailing address of the corporation's initial
21		principal office[, the street address of the
22		corporation's initial registered office, and the name
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1		of its initial registered agent at its initial
2		registered office;] and the information required by
3		<pre>section -5(a);</pre>
4	(3)	The name and address of each incorporator;
5	(4)	Whether or not the corporation will have members; and
6	(5)	Provisions not inconsistent with law regarding the
7		distribution of assets on dissolution."
8	SECT	ION 19. Section 414D-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
10	" (a)	The court of the county where a corporation's
11	principal	office (or, if none in this State, [its registered
12	office)]	in the city and county of Honolulu) is located may
	summarily	order a meeting to be held:
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13 14	(1)	On application of any member or other person entitled
	(1)	
14	(1)	On application of any member or other person entitled
14 15	(1)	On application of any member or other person entitled to participate in an annual or regular meeting, if an
14 15 16	(1)	On application of any member or other person entitled to participate in an annual or regular meeting, if an annual meeting was not held within the earlier of six
14 15 16 17	(1)	On application of any member or other person entitled to participate in an annual or regular meeting, if an annual meeting was not held within the earlier of six months after the end of the corporation's fiscal year
14 15 16 17 18		On application of any member or other person entitled to participate in an annual or regular meeting, if an annual meeting was not held within the earlier of six months after the end of the corporation's fiscal year or fifteen months after its last annual meeting;
14 15 16 17 18 19		On application of any member or other person entitled to participate in an annual or regular meeting, if an annual meeting was not held within the earlier of six months after the end of the corporation's fiscal year or fifteen months after its last annual meeting; On application of any member or other person entitled

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1	(3) On application of a member or members entitled to call	
2	a special meeting, who signed a demand for a special	
3	meeting valid under section 414D-102."	
4	SECTION 20. Section 414D-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
5	amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:	
6	"(d) If the corporation refuses to allow a member, a	
7	member's agent, or a member's attorney to inspect the list of	
8	members before or at the meeting (or copy the list as permitted	
9	by subsection (b)), the court of the county where a	
10	corporation's principal office (or if none in this State, [its	
11	registered office)] in the city and county of Honolulu) is	
12	located, on application of the member, may summarily order the	
13	inspection or copying at the corporation's expense and may	
14	postpone the meeting for which the list was prepared until the	
15	inspection or copying is complete and may order the corporation	
16	to pay the member's costs (including reasonable counsel fees)	
17	incurred to obtain the order."	
18	SECTION 21. Section 414D-247, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
19	amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:	
20	"(b) The notice must:	
21	(1) Be published one time in a newspaper of general	
22	circulation in the county where the dissolved	
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1		corporation's principal office (or, if none in this
2		State, [its registered office)] in the city and county
3		of Honolulu) is or was last located;
4	(2)	List the information that must be included in a claim
5		and provide a mailing address where the claim may be
6		sent; and
7	(3)	State that a claim against the corporation will be
8		barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is
9		commenced within five years after publication of the
10		notice."
11	SECT	ION 22. Section 414D-248, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended t	o read as follows:
13	" §4 1	4D-248 Grounds for administrative dissolution. The
14	departmen	t director may commence a proceeding under section
15	414D-249	to administratively dissolve a corporation if the
16	corporati	on fails to:
17	(1)	Pay any fees prescribed by law;
18	(2)	File its annual report for a period of two years;
19	(3)	Appoint and maintain an agent for service of process
	(3)	
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1	(4)	File a statement of a change in the name or business
2		address of the agent as required under [this]
3		chapter[-]"
4	SECT	ION 23. Section 414D-273, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
6	"(a)	A foreign corporation may apply for a certificate of
7	authority	to transact business in this State by delivering an
8	applicatio	on to the department director for filing. The
9	applicatio	on shall set forth:
10	(1)	The name of the foreign corporation or, if its name is
11		unavailable for use in this State, a corporate name
12		that satisfies the requirements of section 414D-276;
13	(2)	The name of the state or country under whose law it is
14		incorporated;
15	(3)	The date of incorporation;
16	(4)	The mailing address of the corporation's principal
17		office[, the street address of its registered office
18		in this State, and the name of its registered agent at
19		its registered office in this State;] and the
20		information required by section -5(a);
21	(5)	The names and usual business addresses of its current
22		directors and officers; and
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1	(6) Whether the foreign corporation has members."
2	SECTION 24. Section 414D-277, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3	amended to read as follows:
4	"§414D-277 Registered [office and registered] agent of
5	foreign corporation. Each foreign corporation authorized to
6	transact business in this State shall continuously maintain in
7	this State[+
8	(1) A registered office that may be the same as any of its
9	places of business; and
10	(2) A] a registered agent, who shall have a business
11	address in this State and may be:
12	[-(A)] (1) An individual who resides in this State [and
13	whose business office is identical with the
14	<pre>registered office];</pre>
15	[-(B)] (2) A domestic entity authorized to transact
16	business in this State [whose office is identical
17	with the registered office]; or
18	[(C)] (3) A foreign entity authorized to transact
19	business in this State [whose business office is
20	identical with the registered office]."
21	SECTION 25. Section 414D-278, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22	amended to read as follows:



1	"§41	4D-278 Change of [registered office or] registered
2	agent of	foreign corporation. (a) A foreign corporation
3	authorize	d to transact business in this State may change its
4	[register	ed office or its] registered agent by [delivering to
5	the depar	tment director for filing a statement of change that
6	sets fort	h:
7	(1)	The corporation's name;
8	(2)	The street address of its current registered office,
9		the name of its current registered agent at its
10		registered office, and any changes required to keep
11		the information current; and
12	(3)	That after the change or changes are made, the street
13		addresses of its registered office and the office of
14,		its registered agent shall be identical.] complying
15		with the requirements of section -8 .
16	(b)	If a registered agent changes [the street address of
17	its busin	ess office, the agent may change the address of the
18	registere	d office of any foreign corporation for which the agent
19	is the re	gistered agent by notifying the corporation in writing
20	of the ch	ange and signing (either manually or in facsimile) and
21	deliverin	g to the department director for filing a statement of
22	change th	at complies with the requirements of subsection (a) and
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1	recites that the corporation has been notified of the change.]
2	its name, its address, or its type or jurisdiction of
3	organization, the agent shall comply with the requirements of
4	chapter ."
5	SECTION 26. Section 414D-279, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	"[[]§414D-279[]] Resignation of registered agent of
8	foreign corporation. [(a)] The registered agent of a foreign
9	corporation may resign as agent by [signing and delivering to
10	the department director for filing a statement of resignation.
11	The statement of resignation may include a statement that the
12	registered office is also discontinued.
13	(b) After filing the statement, the registered agent shall
14	attach the filing receipt to one copy and mail the copy and
15	receipt to the registered office if not discontinued. The
16	registered agent shall mail a second copy to the foreign
17	corporation at its principal office address shown in its most
18	recent annual report.
19	(c) The agency is terminated, and the registered office
20	discontinued if so provided, on the thirty-first day after the
21	date on which the statement is filed.] complying with the
22	requirements of section -11."



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1	SECTION 27. Section 414D-283, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	§414D-283 Grounds for revocation of certificate of
4	authority. The department director may commence a proceeding
5	under section 414D-284 to revoke the certificate of authority of
6	a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this
7	State if:
8	(1) The corporation fails to:
9	(A) Pay any fees prescribed by law;
10	(B) File its annual report for a period of two years;
11	(C) Appoint and maintain an agent for service of
12	process as required; or
13	(D) File a statement of a change in the name or
14	business address of the agent as required $[+]$ by
15	<u>chapter</u> ; or
16	(2) A misrepresentation has been made of any material
17	matter in any application, report, affidavit, or other
18	record or document submitted by the corporation."
19	SECTION 28. Section 414D-304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20	amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:
21	"(a) If a corporation does not allow a member who complies
22	with section 414D-302(a) to inspect and copy any records



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1 required by that section to be available for inspection, the 2 court in the county where the corporation's principal office 3 (or, if none in this State, [its registered office)] in the city 4 and county of Honolulu) is located may summarily order 5 inspection and copying of the records demanded at the 6 corporation's expense upon application of the member. 7 If a corporation does not within a reasonable time (b) 8 allow a member to inspect and copy any other record, the member 9 who complies with section 414D-302(b) and (c) may apply to the 10 court in the county where the corporation's principal office 11 (or, if none in this State, [its registered office)] in the city 12 and county of Honolulu) is located for an order to permit 13 inspection and copying of the records demanded. The court shall 14 dispose of an application under this subsection on an expedited 15 basis." 16 SECTION 29. Section 414D-308, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

18 "(a) Each domestic corporation, and each foreign 19 corporation authorized to transact business in the State, shall 20 deliver to the department director an annual report on a form 21 prescribed and furnished by the department director that sets 22 forth:

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 jurisdiction under whose law it is incorporated; (2) The mailing address of its principal office[, the address of its registered office in this State, and the name of its registered agent at its registered 	
4 address of its registered office in this State, and	
5 the name of its registered agent at its registered	
6 office in the State;] and the information required h	Y
7 <u>section -5(a);</u>	
8 (3) The names and addresses of its directors and officer	s;
9 and	
10 (4) A brief description of the nature of its activities.	"
11 SECTION 30. Section 425-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
12 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows	:
13 "(a) Whenever any general partnership is formed under th	е
14 laws of this State to do business in this State, or any genera	l
15 partnership formed under the laws of any other jurisdiction	
16 shall do business in this State, the partnership shall file in	
17 the office of the director of commerce and consumer affairs th	e
18 registration and annual statements prescribed in this chapter.	
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19 A registration statement shall be filed by a partnership forme	
19 A registration statement shall be filed by a partnership forme20 under the laws of this State within thirty days after the	-



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1	commenceme	ent of business in this State. Every registration
2	statement	shall contain the following information:
3	(1)	The name of the partnership;
4	(2)	The name and address of each partner;
5	(3)	The mailing address of the partnership's principal
6		office[, the street address of the partnership's
7		registered office in this State, and the name of its
8		registered agent at its registered office in this
9		State;] and the information required by section
10		<pre>-5(a); provided that if the partnership is one</pre>
11		formed under the laws of any other jurisdiction, the
12	۰ ۲	name of the jurisdiction shall also be specified;
13	(4)	The date the partnership was formed and, if the
14		partnership is one formed under the laws of any other
15		jurisdiction, the date the partnership commenced
16		business in this State; and
17	(5)	The fact that none of the partners is either a minor
18		or an incompetent person.
19	(b)	Every domestic and foreign partnership shall file an
20	annual sta	atement with the director which shall contain the
21	informatio	on specified in subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), and (5)
22	and a list	ting of the names of any partner admitted, withdrawn,
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1 or who has died during the year; provided that the information 2 provided to satisfy the requirements of subsection (a)(3) shall 3 [indicate the] be current [registered office and agent]. A 4 domestic or foreign partnership that has filed with the 5 department director a statement of qualification or statement of 6 foreign qualification to register as a limited liability 7 partnership or foreign limited liability partnership shall file 8 the annual report prescribed in section 425-163 in lieu of the 9 annual statement required in this section. The annual statement 10 shall be filed within the time periods prescribed in subsections 11 (c) and (d)." 12 SECTION 31. Section 425-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 14 "(a) The following fees shall be paid to the director of 15 commerce and consumer affairs upon the filing of general 16 partnership documents: 17 Partnership registration statement, \$25; (1)Partnership change of name statement, \$10; 18 (2) 19 Partnership dissolution statement, \$10; (3) 20 (4)Foreign general partnership registration statement, 21 \$25;

22 (5) Statement of change, \$10;



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1	(6)	Application for certificate of withdrawal, \$5;
2	(7)	Statement of correction, \$10;
3	(8)	Reservation of name, \$10;
4	(9)	Transfer of reservation of name, \$10;
5	(10)	Annual statement for domestic or foreign general
6		partnership, \$10;
7	(11)	Good standing certificate, \$5;
8	(12)	Articles of conversion or merger, \$100;
9	(13)	Any other statement, certificate, or other document
10		for a domestic or foreign general partnership, \$10;
11	(14)	Special handling fee for review of any general
12		partnership document, \$25;
13	(15)	Special handling fee for certificates issued by the
14		director, \$10 per certificate;
15	(16)	Special handling fee for certification of documents,
16		\$10;
17	(17)	Special handling fee for review of articles of
18		conversion or merger, \$75; and
19	(18)	[Agent's statement of change of address, \$10 for each
20		affected domestic or foreign general partnership;
21		provided that if more than two hundred simultaneous
22		filings are made, the fee shall be reduced to \$1 for



1	each	affected domestic or foreign general
2	part	nership.] For filings relating to registered
3	agen	ts, the fees established by section -3."
4	SECTION 3	2. Section 425-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5	amended to read	d as follows:
6	" [[]§425-	18[]] Registered [office and registered] agent.
7	Each domestic ;	partnership or foreign partnership shall
8	continuously m	aintain in this State[+
9	(1) A re	gistered office that may be the same as any of its
10	plac	es of business; and
11	(2) A] <u>a</u>	registered agent, who shall have a business
12	addr	ess in this State and may be:
13	[(A)]	(1) An individual who resides in this State [and
14		whose business office is identical with the
15		registered office];
16	[(B)]	(2) A domestic entity authorized to transact
17		business or conduct affairs in this State [whose
18		business office is identical with the registered
19		office]; or
20	[(C)]	(3) A foreign entity authorized to transact
21		business or conduct affairs in this State [whose



1	business office is identical with the registered
2	office]."
3	SECTION 33. Section 425-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4	amended to read as follows:
5	"[]]§425-19[]] Designation or change of [registered office
6	er] registered agent. (a) A partnership that does not already
7	have a [registered office and] registered agent shall designate
8	its [registered office and] registered agent by [delivering to
9	the director of commerce and consumer affairs for filing, a
10	statement of designation that sets forth:
11	(1) The name of the partnership;
12	(2) The street address of its initial registered office in
13	the State and the name of its initial registered agent
14	at its initial registered office; and
15	(3) That the street addresses of its initial registered
16	office and agent shall be identical.] complying with
17	the requirements of section -5.
18	(b) A partnership may change its [registered office or
19	its] registered agent by [delivering to the director of commerce
20	and consumer affairs for filing, a statement of change that sets
21	forth:
22	(1) The name of the partnership;



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1	(2)	The street address of its current registered office,
2		the name of its current registered agent at its
3		registered office, and any changes required to keep
4		the information current; and
5	(3)	That after the change or changes are made, the street
6		addresses of its registered office and agent shall be
7		identical.] complying with the requirements of section
8		8.
9	(c)	If the registered [agent's street address changes, the
10	registere	d agent may change the street address of the
11	partnersh	ip's registered office by notifying the partnership in
12	writing o	f the change and signing (either manually or in
13	facsimile) and delivering to the director of commerce and
14	consumer-	affairs for filing, a statement that complies with the
15	requireme	nts of subsection (a) and recites that the partnership
16	has been	notified of the change.] agent changes its name, its
17	address,	or its type or jurisdiction of organization, the agent
18	shall com	ply with the requirements of section -9 or -10,
19	whichever	is applicable."
20	SECT	ION 34. Section 425-20, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

21 amended to read as follows:



1	"[-]]§425-20[]] Resignation of registered agent. [(a)] A
2	registered agent may resign from the registered agent's
3	appointment by [signing and delivering to the director of
4	commerce and consumer affairs for filing, a signed statement of
5	resignation. The statement may include a statement that the
6	registered office is also discontinued.
7	(b) The registered agent shall mail one copy to the
8	registered office (if not discontinued) and the other copy to
9	the partnership at its principal office.
10	(c) The appointment of the agent shall be terminated, and
11	the registered office discontinued if so provided, on the
12	thirty-first day after the date on which the statement was
13	filed.] complying with the requirements of section -11."
14	SECTION 35. Section 425-153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15	amended to read as follows:
16	"§425-153 Statement of qualification. A statement of
17	qualification shall contain:
18	(1) The name of the partnership;
19	(2) A statement that the partnership elects to be a
20	limited liability partnership; and
21	(3) The mailing address of the partnership's initial
22	principal office[, the street address of the
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1		partnership's initial registered office in the State,
2		and the name of its initial registered agent at its
3		initial registered office in the State.] and the
4		information required by section -5(a)."
5	SECT	ION 36. Section 425-158, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to	o read as follows:
7	"§42!	5-158 Statement of foreign qualification. A statement
8	of foreign	n qualification shall contain:
9	(1)	The name of the foreign limited liability partnership,
10		which name complies with the law of the state or other
11		jurisdiction under which the foreign limited liability
12		partnership is formed;
13	(2)	A statement that the partnership elects to be a
14		foreign limited liability partnership; and
15	(3)	The mailing address of the partnership's principal
16		office[, the street address of the partnership's
17		registered office in this State, and the name of its
18		registered agent at its registered office in this
19		State.] and the information required by section
20		<u> </u>
21	SECT:	ION 37. Section 425-163, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1	"(a) Every limited liability pa	artnership and foreign
2	limited liability partnership author	ized to transact business in
3	this State shall file an annual repo	rt in the office of the
4	director that contains:	
5	(1) The name of the limited lia	ability partnership or
6	foreign limited liability	partnership;
7	(2) The mailing address of the	partnership's principal
8	office[, the street addres	s of the partnership's
9	registered office in this	State, and the name of its
10	registered agent at its re	gistered office in this
11	State;] and the information	n required by section
12	<pre>5(a); provided that if</pre>	the partnership is formed
13	under the laws of any othe	r jurisdiction, the name of
14	the other jurisdiction sha	ll also be specified;
15	(3) The name and address of eac	ch partner; and
16	(4) The fact that none of the p	partners is either a minor
17	or an incompetent person."	
18	SECTION 38. Section 425-164, H	awaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended by amending subsection (a) to	o read as follows:
20	"(a) The director may revoke t	he statement of
21	qualification of a limited liability	partnership or statement of

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1	foreign o	qualif	ication of a foreign limited liability partnership
2	if:		
3	(1)	The	partnership fails to:
4		(A)	Pay any fees prescribed by law;
5		(B)	File its annual report for a period of two years;
6		(C)	Appoint and maintain an agent for service of
7			process as required; or
8		(D)	File a statement of a change in the name or
9			business address of the agent as required $[+]$ by
10			<u>chapter</u> ; or
11	(2)	A mi	srepresentation has been made of any material
12		matt	er in any application, report, affidavit, or other
13		reco	rd or document submitted by the partnership.
14	The direc	tor s	hall provide the partnership at least sixty days'
15	written n	otice	of intent to revoke the statement. The notice
16	shall be	maile	d to the partnership at its last known address
17	appearing	in t	he records of the director. The notice shall
18	specify t	he an	nual report that has not been filed or the fee
19	that has	not b	een paid, and the effective date of the
20	revocatio	n. T	he revocation shall not be effective if the
21	specified	annu	al report is filed and the specified fee is paid
22	before th	e eff	ective date of the revocation."

1	SECT	ION 39. Section 425-168, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3	"(a)	The director shall collect the following fees for the
4	following	limited liability partnership documents:
5	(1)	Annual report, \$25;
6	(2)	Statement of qualification, \$50;
7	(3)	Statement of foreign qualification, \$100;
8	(4)	Statement of correction, amendment, restatement, or
9		amendment and restatement, \$25;
10	(5)	Certificate of good standing, \$5;
11	(6)	Articles of conversion or merger, \$100;
12	(7)	For any other certificate, statement, or document,
13		\$25;
14	(8)	Certification of domestic or foreign partnership, \$10;
15		and
16	(9)	[For each agent's statement of change of registered
17		office, \$10 for each affected domestic or foreign
18		limited liability partnership; provided that if an
19		agent files more than two hundred statements of change
20		of registered office at the same time, the fee shall
21		be reduced to \$1 for each affected domestic or foreign
22		limited liability partnership.] For filings relating



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1	to registered agents, the fees established by section
2	"
3	SECTION 40. Section 425E-114, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4	amended to read as follows:
5	"[[]§425E-114[]] Registered [office and registered] agent.
6	Each domestic limited partnership or foreign limited partnership
7	shall continuously maintain in this State[+
8	(1) A registered office that may be the same as any of its
9	places of business; and
10	(2) A] a registered agent, who shall have a business
11	address in this State and may be:
12	[(A)] <u>(1)</u> An individual who resides in this State [and
13	whose business office is identical with the
14	registered office];
15	[(B)] (2) A domestic entity authorized to transact
16	business in this State [whose business office is
17	identical with the registered office]; or
18	[(C)] (3) A foreign entity authorized to transact
19	business in this State [whose business office is
20	identical with the registered office]."
21	SECTION 41. Section 425E-115, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22	amended to read as follows:



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1	"[+]	§425E-115[]] Designation or change of [registered
2	office or] registered agent. (a) A domestic limited
3	partnersh	ip or foreign limited partnership that does not already
4	have a [r	egistered office and] registered agent shall designate
5	its [regi	stered office and] registered agent by [delivering to
6	the diree	tor for filing, a statement of designation that sets
7	forth:	
8	(1)	The name of the limited partnership;
9	(2)	The street address of its initial registered office in
10		this State and the name of its initial registered
11		agent at its initial registered office; and
12	(3)	That the street addresses of its initial registered
13		office and agent shall be identical.] complying with
14		the requirements of section -5.
15	(b)	A domestic or foreign limited partnership may change
16	[its regi	stered office or] its registered agent by [delivering
17	to the di	rector for filing, a statement of change that sets
18	forth:	
19	(1)	The name of the limited partnership;
20	(2)	The street address of its current registered office,
21		the name of its current registered agent at its



1	registered office, and any changes required to keep
2	the information current; and
3	(3) That after the change or changes are made, the street
4	addresses of its registered office and agent shall be
5	identical.] complying with the requirements of section
6	<u>-8.</u>
7	(c) If the registered [agent's street address changes, the
8	registered agent may change the street address of the limited
9	partnership's registered office by notifying the limited
10	partnership in writing of the change and signing (either
11	manually or in facsimile) and delivering to the director for
12	filing, a statement that complies with the requirements of
13	subsection (a) and recites that the limited partnership has been
14	notified of the change.] agent changes its name, its address, or
15	its type or jurisdiction of organization, the agent shall comply
16	with the requirements of section -9 or -10, whichever is
17	applicable."
18	SECTION 42. Section 425E-116, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended to read as follows:
20	"[[]§425E-116[]] Resignation of registered agent. [(a)]
21	A registered agent may resign from the registered agent's
22	appointment by [signing and delivering to the director for
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1	filing, a signed statement of resignation. The statement may
2	include a statement that the registered office shall also be
3	discontinued.
4	(b) The registered agent shall mail one copy to the
5	registered office (if not discontinued) and the other copy to
6	the limited partnership at its principal office.
7	(c) The appointment of the agent shall be terminated, and
8	the registered office discontinued if so provided, on the
9	thirty-first day after the date on which the statement was
10	filed.] complying with the requirements of section -11."
11	SECTION 43. Section 425E-201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
13	"(a) To form a limited partnership, a certificate of
14	limited partnership shall be executed and delivered to the
15	office of the director for filing. The certificate shall set
16	forth:
17	(1) The name of the limited partnership;
18	(2) The mailing address of the limited partnership's
19	initial principal office[, the street address of the
20	limited partnership's initial registered office in
21	this State, and the name of its initial registered



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1		agent at its initial registered office;] and the
2		information required by section -5(a);
3	(3)	The name and the address of each general partner;
4	(4)	Whether the limited partnership is a limited liability
5	×	limited partnership;
6	(5)	Any additional information required by article 11; and
7	(6)	Any other matter the general partners determine to
8		include therein."
9	SECT	ION 44. Section 425E-208, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10	amended b	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
11	"(a)	If a record delivered to the director for filing
12	under thi	s chapter contains false information, any person that
13	suffers 1	oss by reliance on the false information may recover
14	damages f	or the loss from:
15	(1)	Any person who executes the record, or causes another
16		to execute it on the person's behalf, and knew the
17		information to be false or should have known the
18		information was false at the time the record was
19		executed; and
20	(2)	Any general partner who has notice that the
21		information was false when the record was filed or has
22		become false because of changed circumstances, if the
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1 general partner has notice for a reasonably sufficient time before the information is relied upon to enable 2 3 the general partner to effect an amendment under section 425E-202, file a petition pursuant to section 4 425E-205, or deliver to the director for filing a 5 statement of change pursuant to section [425E-115] 6 7 -8 or a certificate of correction pursuant to section 425E-207." 8 9 SECTION 45. Section 425E-210, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 10 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 11 "(a) Each limited partnership and each foreign limited 12 partnership authorized to transact business in this State shall deliver to the director for filing an annual statement that sets 13 14 forth: 15 The name of the limited partnership and the state or (1) 16 country under whose law it is formed; 17 The mailing address of the limited partnership's (2) 18 principal office[, the street address of the limited partnership's registered office in this State, and the 19 20 name of its registered agent at its registered office 21 in this State;] and the information required by 22 section -5(a); and



1	(3) The name and address of each general partner."
2	SECTION 46. Section 425E-304, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3	amended as follows:
4	1. By amending subsection (a) to read:
5	"(a) Within ten days of a demand, made in a record
6	received by the limited partnership, a limited partner may
7	inspect and copy required information during regular business
8	hours in the limited partnership's [designated] principal
9	office. The limited partner need not have any particular
10	purpose for seeking the information."
11	2. By amending subsection (d) to read:
12	"(d) Subject to subsection (f), a person dissociated as a
13	limited partner may inspect and copy required information during
14	regular business hours in the limited partnership's [designated]
15	principal office if:
16	(1) The information pertains to the period during which
17	the person was a limited partner;
18	(2) The person seeks the information in good faith; and
19	(3) The person meets the requirements of subsection (b)."
20	SECTION 47. Section 425E-407, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

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1	"(a) A	general partner, without having any particular
2	purpose for	seeking the information, may inspect and copy during
3	regular busi	ness hours:
4	(1) In	the limited partnership's [designated] principal
5	of	fice, required information; and
6	(2) At	a reasonable location specified by the limited
7	pa	rtnership, any other records maintained by the
8	li	mited partnership regarding the limited
9	pa	rtnership's activities and financial condition."
10	SECTION	48. Section 425E-807, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11	amended by a	mending subsection (b) to read as follows:
12	"(b) Т	he notice shall:
13	(1) Be	published at least once in a newspaper of general
14	ci	rculation in the county in which the dissolved
15	1i	mited partnership's principal office is located or,
16	if	it has none in this State, in the [county in which
17	th	e limited partnership's designated office is or was
18	la	st located;] city and county of Honolulu;
19	(2) De	scribe the information required to be contained in a
20	cl	aim and provide a mailing address to which the claim
21	is	to be sent;

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State that a claim against the limited partnership 1 (3) shall be barred unless an action to enforce the claim 2 3 is commenced within five years after publication of the notice; and 4 5 (4)Unless the limited partnership has been throughout its existence a limited liability limited partnership, 6 7 state that the barring of a claim against the limited 8 partnership shall also bar any corresponding claim 9 against any general partner or person dissociated as a 10 general partner that is based on section 425E-404." SECTION 49. Section 425E-902, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 11 12 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 13 "(a) A foreign limited partnership may apply for a 14 certificate of authority to transact business in this State by 15 delivering an application to the director for filing. The 16 application shall state: 17 The name of the foreign limited partnership and, if (1) 18 the name does not comply with [sections] section 19 425E-108(d) and (e), an alternate name adopted 20 pursuant to section 425E-905(a);



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1	(2)	The name of the state or other jurisdiction under
2		whose law the foreign limited partnership is
3		organized;
4	(3)	The mailing address of the foreign limited
5		partnership's principal office[, the street address of
6		its registered office in this State, and the name of
7		its registered agent at its registered office in this
8		State;] and the information required by section
9		-5(a);
10	(4)	The name and address of each general partner;
11	(5)	Whether the foreign limited partnership is a foreign
12		limited liability limited partnership; and
13	(6)	The address of the office at which is kept a list of
14		the names and addresses of the limited partners and
15		their capital contributions, together with a written
16		commitment on the part of the foreign limited
17		partnership that it will keep those records until the
18		registration of the foreign limited partnership in
19		this State is canceled or withdrawn."
20	SECT	ION 50. Section 425E-906, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



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1	"(a)	The	director may cancel the certificate of authority
2	of a limit	ted p	artnership administratively if:
3	(1)	The	partnership fails to:
4		(A)	Pay any fees prescribed by law;
5		(B)	File its annual statement for a period of two
6			years;
7		(C)	Appoint and maintain an agent for service of
8			process as required[+] by chapter ; or
9		(D)	File a statement of a change in the name or
10			business address of the agent as required $[+]$ by
11			section -8; or
12	(2)	A mi	srepresentation has been made of any material
13		matt	er in any application, report, affidavit, or other
14		reco	rd or document submitted by the partnership."
15	SECT	ION 5	1. Section 425E-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16	amended by	ame:	nding subsection (b) to read as follows:
17	"(b)	If	a surviving entity fails to appoint or maintain an
18	agent desi	lgnat	ed for service of process in this State or the
19	agent for	serv	ice of process cannot with reasonable diligence be
20	[found at	the	designated office,] served, service of process may
21	be made u <u>r</u>	oon t	he surviving entity by sending a copy of the
22	process by	y reg	istered or certified mail, return receipt
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1	requested, to the surviving entity at the address set forth in
2	the articles of merger. Service is effected under this
3	subsection at the earliest of:
4	(1) The date the surviving entity receives the process,
5	notice, or demand;
6	(2) The date shown on the return receipt, if signed on
7	behalf of the surviving entity; or
8	(3) Five days after its deposit in the mail, if mailed
9	postpaid and correctly addressed."
10	SECTION 52. Section 428-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11	amended to read as follows:
12	"§428-107 Registered [office and] agent. A limited
12 13	"§428-107 Registered [office and] agent. A limited liability company and a foreign limited liability company
13	liability company and a foreign limited liability company
13 14	liability company and a foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this State shall continuously
13 14 15	liability company and a foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this State shall continuously maintain in this State[+
13 14 15 16	<pre>liability company and a foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this State shall continuously maintain in this State[+</pre>
13 14 15 16 17	<pre>liability company and a foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this State shall continuously maintain in this State[+ (1) A registered office that may be the same as any of its places of business; and</pre>
13 14 15 16 17 18	<pre>liability company and a foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this State shall continuously maintain in this State[+ (1) A registered office that may be the same as any of its places of business; and (2) A] a registered agent, who shall have a business</pre>
13 14 15 16 17 18 19	<pre>liability company and a foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this State shall continuously maintain in this State[+ (1) A registered office that may be the same as any of its places of business; and (2) A] <u>a</u> registered agent, who <u>shall have a business</u> <u>address in this State and may be:</u></pre>
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	<pre>liability company and a foreign limited liability company authorized to transact business in this State shall continuously maintain in this State[+ (1) A registered office that may be the same as any of its places of business; and (2) A] a registered agent, who shall have a business address in this State and may be: [(A)] (1) An individual who resides in this State [and</pre>



1	[(B) (2) A domestic entity authorized to transact
2		business in this State [whose business office is
3		identical with the registered office]; or
4	[-(C	+] (3) A foreign entity authorized to transact
5		business in this State [whose business office is
6		identical with the registered office]."
7	SECTIO	N 53. Section 428-108, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to	read as follows:
9	"§428-	108 Change of [registered office or] registered
10	agent. (a)	A limited liability company or a foreign limited
11	liability c	ompany may change its [registered office or its]
12	registered	agent by [delivering to the director for filing a
13	statement o	f change which sets forth:
14	(1) Ŧ	he name of the company;
15	(2) Ŧ	he street address of its current registered office in
16	ŧ	his State, the name of its current registered agent
17	a	t its registered office in this State, and any
18	e	hanges required to keep the information current; and
19	(3) Ŧ	hat after the change or changes are made, the street
20	a	ddresses of its registered office and registered
21	a	gent shall be identical.] complying with the
22	<u>r</u>	equirements of section -8.



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1	(b) If a registered agent changes its name, its address or
2	its type or jurisdiction of organization, the agent shall comply
3	with the requirements of section -9 or -10 , whichever is
4	applicable."
5	SECTION 54. Section 428-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	"§428-109 Resignation of registered agent. [(a)] A
8	registered agent of a domestic or foreign limited liability
9	company may resign from the registered agent's appointment by
10	[signing and delivering to the director for filing the signed
11	statement of resignation. The statement may include a statement
12	that the registered office is also discontinued.
13	(b) The registered agent shall mail one copy to the
14	registered office (if not discontinued) and the other copy to
15	the company at its principal office.
16	(c) The appointment of the agent is terminated, and the
17	registered office discontinued if so provided, on the thirty-
18	first day after the date on which the statement was filed.]
19	complying with the requirements of section -11."
20	SECTION 55. Section 428-203, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21	amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1	"(a)	Articles of organization of a limited liability
2	company sl	hall set forth:
3	(1)	The name of the company;
4	(2)	The mailing address of the company's initial principal
5		office[, the street address of its initial registered
6		office in this State, and the name of its initial
7		registered agent at its registered office in this
8		State;] and the information required by section
9		-5(a);
10	(3)	The name and address of each organizer;
11	(4)	Whether the duration of the company is for a specified
12		term and, if so, the period specified;
13	(5)	Whether the company is to be manager-managed, and:
14		(A) If so, the name and address of each initial
15		manager, and the number of initial members; or
16		(B) If not, the name and address of each initial
17		member; and
18	(6)	Whether the members of the company are to be liable
19		for its debts and obligations under section
20		428-303(c)."
21	SECT	ION 56. Section 428-210, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
22	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



1	"(a) Each limited liability company and each foreign
2	limited liability company authorized to transact business in
3	this State shall deliver to the director for filing an annual
4	report that sets forth:
5	(1) The name of the company and the [state or country]
6	jurisdiction under whose law it is organized;
7	(2) The mailing address of the company's principal
8	office[, the street address of its registered office
9	in this State, and the name of its registered agent at
10	its registered office in the State;] and the
11	information required by section $-5(a)$; and
12	(3) Whether the company is manager-managed, and:
13	(A) If so, the name and address of each manager, and
14	the number of members; or
15	(B) If not, the name and address of each member."
16	SECTION 57. Section 428-906, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17	amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
18	"(b) If a surviving entity fails to appoint or maintain an
19	agent designated for service of process in this State or the
20	agent for service of process cannot with reasonable diligence be
21	[found at the designated office,] <u>served,</u> service of process may
22	be made upon the surviving entity by sending a copy of the
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1	process b	y registered or certified mail, return receipt
2	requested	, to the surviving entity at the address set forth in
3	the artic	les of merger. Service is effected under this
4	subsection	n at the earliest of:
5	(1)	The date the surviving entity receives the process,
6		notice, or demand;
7	(2)	The date shown on the return receipt, if signed on
8		behalf of the surviving entity; or
9	(3)	Five days after its deposit in the mail, if mailed
10		postpaid and correctly addressed."
11	SECT	ION 58. Section 428-1002, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
13	"(a)	A foreign limited liability company may apply for a
14	certifica	te of authority to transact business in this State by
15	delivering	g an application to the director for filing. The
16	applicati	on shall set forth:
17	(1)	The name of the foreign limited liability company or,
18		if its name is unavailable for use in this State, a
19		name that satisfies the requirements of section
20		428-1005;
21	(2)	The name of the state or country under whose law it is
22		organized;

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1	(3)	A representation and warranty that a list of the names
2		of and addresses of all members and their respective
3		capital contributions are kept and will be kept at its
4		principal office until cancellation, in accordance
5		with section 428-1007, of the foreign limited
6		liability company's authority to transact business in
7		this State;
8	(4)	The mailing address of its principal office[, the
9		street address of its registered office in this State,
10		and the name of its registered agent at its registered
11		office in this State;] and the information required by
12		<pre>section -5(a);</pre>
13	(5)	Whether the duration of the company is for a specified
14		term and, if so, the period specified;
15	(6)	Whether the company is manager-managed, and:
16		(A) If so, the name and address of each manager; or
17		(B) If not, the name and address of each member;
18	(7)	Whether the members of the company are to be liable
19		for its debts and obligations under a provision
20		similar to section 428-303(c); and
21	(8)	Any additional information as may be necessary or
22		appropriate to enable the director to determine

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1		whether the foreign limited liability company is
2		entitled to obtain authority to transact business in
3		this State."
4	SECT	ION 59. Section 428-1301, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
6	" (a)	The following fees shall be paid to the director upon
7	the filing	g and issuance of records under this chapter:
8	(1)	Articles of organization, \$100;
9	(2)	Articles of amendment, \$25;
10	(3)	Restated articles of organization, \$25;
11	(4)	Articles of merger or conversion, \$100;
12	(5)	Statement of dissociation, \$25;
13	(6)	Articles of termination, \$25;
14	(7)	Application for reinstatement for administratively
15		terminated limited liability company, \$25;
16	(8)	Annual report, \$25;
17	[(9)	Statement of change of designated office or agent for
18		service of process, or both, for limited liability
19		company or foreign limited liability company, \$25;
20	(10)	Agent's statement of change of address, \$25 for each
21		affected domestic limited liability company or foreign
22		limited liability company; provided that if more than



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1		two hundred simultaneous filings are made, the fee
2		shall be reduced to \$1 for each affected domestic
3		limited liability company or foreign limited liability
4		company;
5	(11)]	(9) Any other statement or document of a domestic or
6		foreign limited liability company, \$25;
7	[(12)]	(10) Application for certificate of authority for
8		foreign limited liability company, \$100;
9	[(13)]	(11) Application for cancellation of authority of
10		foreign limited liability company, \$25;
11	[(14)]	(12) Reservation of name, \$10;
12	[(15)]	(13) Good standing certificate, \$5;
13	[(16)]	(14) Any other record not otherwise covered in this
14		part, \$25;
15	[(17)]	(15) Certified copy of any record relating to a
16		limited liability company or foreign limited liability
17		company, \$10 for the certificate and affixing the seal
18		thereto;
19	[(18)]	(16) Special handling fee for review of any record
20		other than articles of merger or conversion, \$25;
21	[(19)]	(17) Special handling fee for review of articles of
22		merger or conversion, \$75;

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1	[(20)]	(18) Special handling fee for certificate issued by
2		the director not otherwise covered by this section,
3		\$10 per certificate;
4	[(21)]	(19) Special handling fee for certification of
5		record, \$10; [and
6	(22)]	(20) Any service of notice, demand, or process upon
7		the director as agent for service of process of a
8		limited liability company or foreign limited liability
9		company, \$10, which amount may be recovered as taxable
10		costs by the party to the suit or action causing such
11		service to be made if such party prevails in the suit
12		or action[+]; and
13	(21)	For filings relating to registered agents, the fees
14		established by section -3."
15	SECT	ION 60. This Act does not affect an action or
16	proceedin	g commenced or right accrued before the effective date
17	of this A	ct.
18	SECT	ION 61. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
20	SECT	ION 62. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.
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Report Title:

Hawaii Registered Agents Act

Description:

Adopts provisions of the Model Registered Agents Act, which streamlines business registration filings for registered agents who accept service of process on behalf of businesses in Hawaii, particularly commercial agents who are in the business of serving as agents. (HB272 HD1)

