HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR, PURSUANT TO SECTION 26H-6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE PRACTICE OF EXCHANGE ACCOMMODATION IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, allows the tax deferred exchange of real property held for productive or investment purposes; and

WHEREAS, these transactions may require the transfer of considerable sums of money that cannot be held by the transacting parties, lest they lose their tax deferred status; and

WHEREAS, in order to address this problem, exchange accommodators provide a temporary receptacle for transferred funds required for the exchange of property; and

WHEREAS, recent news reports highlight the problem of exchange accommodators absconding with millions of dollars of their clients' funds; and

WHEREAS, exchange accommodators are not regulated in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that any new regulatory measure being considered for enactment that subjects an unregulated profession or vocation to licensing or other regulatory controls be referred to the Auditor for analysis; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Auditor is to conduct the analysis with specific regard to H.B. No. , relating to exchange accommodation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised

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Statutes, the Auditor is requested to conduct an analysis of the profession of exchange accommodation in Hawaii; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the analysis set forth the probable effects of the proposed regulatory measure and assess whether its enactment is consistent with the policies set forth in section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the analysis also assess alternative forms of regulation; and

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

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OFFERED BY: Nemura Fronte.

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