THE SENATE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII **S.B. NO.** <sup>1499</sup> S.D. 1

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 514A-95.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
"(a) Each condominium project or association of apartment
owners having more than five apartments shall:

5 (1)Secure a fidelity bond in an amount equal to \$500 multiplied by the number of apartments  $[\tau]$  to cover all 6 7 officers, directors, employees, and managing agents of 8 the association of apartment owners who handle, 9 control, or have custody of the funds of the 10 association of apartment owners; provided that the amount of the fidelity bond required by this paragraph 11 12 shall not be less than \$20,000 nor greater than 13 \$100,000. The fidelity bond shall protect the 14 association of apartment owners against fraudulent or 15 dishonest acts by persons  $[\tau]$  including any managing 16 agent  $[\tau]$  who have access to the funds of the 17 association of apartment owners. An association of 18 apartment owners shall act promptly and diligently to

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1 recover from the fidelity bond required by this 2 An association of apartment owners that is section. 3 unable to obtain a fidelity bond may seek approval for 4 an exemption or a bond alternative from the 5 commission. The commission shall adopt rules establishing the conditions and terms for which it may 6 7 grant an exemption or a bond alternative  $[\tau]$  or permit 8 deductibles. Failure to obtain or maintain a fidelity 9 bond in compliance with this [chapter] paragraph and 10 the rules adopted pursuant  $[\frac{\text{thereto}_{r}}{r}]$  to this 11 paragraph, including failure to provide current 12 evidence of [the] fidelity bond coverage in a timely 13 manner to the commission, shall result in non-14 registration or [the] automatic termination of the 15 association's registration  $[\tau]$  unless the association 16 maintains an approved exemption or [a] bond 17 alternative [is presently maintained]. Current 18 evidence of a fidelity bond includes a certification statement from an insurance company registered with 19 20 the department of commerce and consumer affairs 21 certifying that the bond is in effect and meets the



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1 requirement of this [section] paragraph and the rules 2 adopted by the commission; 3 (2) Register with the commission through [approval] submission of a completed registration application, 4 5 payment of fees, and submission of any additional 6 information [set forth] required by the commission. 7 Beginning June 30, 1997, [the] registration pursuant 8 to this paragraph shall be for a biennial period [with termination] terminating on June 30 of [an] each 9 10 odd-numbered year. The commission shall prescribe a 11 deadline date prior to the termination date for the 12 submission of a completed reregistration application, 13 payment of fees, and any additional information [set 14 forth] required by the commission. Any condominium 15 project or association of apartment owners that has 16 not met the submission requirements by the deadline 17 date shall be considered a new applicant for 18 registration and shall be subject to initial 19 registration requirements. Any new condominium 20 project or association of apartment owners shall 21 register within thirty days of the association of 22 apartment owners' first meeting. If the association



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of apartment owners has not held its first meeting
within one year after the recordation of the purchase
of the first apartment in the condominium project, the
developer or developer's affiliate or the managing
agent shall register on behalf of the unorganized
association of apartment owners and shall comply with
this section, except the fidelity bond requirement for
[association] associations of apartment owners. The
public information required to be submitted on $[any]$ a
completed application form shall include [but not be
limited to]: evidence of and information on fidelity

11 1 Ζ bond coverage [ $_{\tau}$ ]  $_{\underline{i}}$  names and positions of the officers 12 of the association  $[\tau]$ ; the name of the association of 13 14 apartment owners' managing agent, if  $any[_{T}]_{\underline{i}}$  the street and the postal address of the condominium  $[\tau]$ ; 15 16 and the name and current mailing address of a 17 designated officer of the association of apartment 18 owners where the officer can be contacted directly; 19 Submit data on the number of leasehold units in the (3) 20 condominium project or association of apartment

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1  $\left[\frac{3}{3}\right]$  (4) Pay a nonrefundable application fee and, upon 2 approval, an initial registration fee or a 3 reregistration fee, and the condominium education 4 trust fund fee pursuant to section 514B-72 and rules 5 adopted by the director of commerce and consumer 6 affairs pursuant to chapter 91; 7  $\left[\frac{4}{4}\right]$  (5) Register or reregister and pay the required fees 8 by the due date [. Failure]; provided that failure to 9 register or reregister or to pay the required fees by 10 the due date shall result in the assessment of a 11 penalty equal to the amount of the registration or 12 reregistration fee; and 13  $\left[\frac{5}{5}\right]$  (6) Report immediately in writing to the commission 14 any changes to the information contained on the 15 registration or reregistration application, the 16 evidence of the fidelity bond, or any other documents 17 [set forth] required by the commission[. Failure]; 18 provided that failure to [do so] comply with this 19 section may result in termination of registration and 20 subject the condominium project or the association of 21 apartment owners to initial registration 22

requirements."

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1 SECTION 2. Section 514B-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows: 3 Each project or association having more than five "(a) 4 units shall: 5 (1)Secure and maintain a fidelity bond in an amount for 6 the coverage and terms as required by section 7 514B-143(a)(3). An association shall act promptly and 8 diligently to recover from the fidelity bond required 9 by this [section.] paragraph. An association that is 10 unable to obtain a fidelity bond may seek approval for 11 an exemption, a deductible, or a bond alternative from 12 the commission. Current evidence of a fidelity bond 13 includes a certification statement from an insurance 14 company registered with the department of commerce and 15 consumer affairs certifying that the bond is in effect 16 and meets the requirement of this [section] paragraph 17 and the rules adopted by the commission; 18 (2) Register with the commission through [approval] 19 submission of a completed registration application, 20 payment of fees, and submission of any other 21 additional information [set\_forth] required by the 22 [The registration] Registration pursuant commission.



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to this paragraph shall be for a biennial period [with 1 2 termination] terminating on June 30 of each odd-numbered year. The commission shall prescribe a 3 4 deadline date prior to the termination date for the submission of a completed reregistration application, 5 6 payment of fees, and any other additional information [set forth] required by the commission. Any project 7 8 or association that has not met the submission 9 requirements by the deadline date shall be considered a new applicant for registration and be subject to 10 initial registration requirements. Any new project or 11 12 association shall register within thirty days of the 13 association's first meeting. If the association has 14 not held its first meeting and it is at least one year 15 after the recordation of the purchase of the first 16 unit in the project, the developer or developer's 17 affiliate or the managing agent shall register on 18 behalf of the association and shall comply with this 19 section, except for the fidelity bond requirement for 20 associations [required by] pursuant to section 21 [+]514B-143(a)(3)[+]. The public information required [to be submitted on any completed] for each 22



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1		application form shall include [but not be limited
2		to]: evidence of and information on fidelity bond
3		coverage, names and positions of the officers of the
4		association $[\tau]_{i}$ the name of the association's managing
5		agent, if any $[\tau]$ ; the street and the postal address of
6		the condominium $[\tau]_{i}$ and the name and current mailing
. 7		address of a designated officer of the association
8		where the officer [can] may be contacted directly;
9	(3)	Submit data on the number of leasehold units in each
10		project or association;
11	[ <del>(3)</del> ]	(4) Pay a nonrefundable application fee and, upon
12		approval, an initial registration fee, a
13		reregistration fee upon reregistration and the
14		condominium education trust fund fee, as provided in
15		rules adopted by the director of commerce and consumer
16		affairs pursuant to chapter 91;
17	[-(4)-]	(5) Register or reregister and pay the required fees
18		by the due date. Failure to register or reregister or
19		pay the required fees by the due date shall result in
20		the assessment of a penalty equal to the amount of the
21		registration or reregistration fee, and



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1  $\left[\frac{(5)}{(5)}\right]$  (6) Report promptly in writing to the commission any 2 changes to the information contained on the 3 registration or reregistration application or any 4 other documents required by the commission. Failure 5 to [do so] comply with this section may result in 6 termination of registration and subject the project or 7 the association to initial registration requirements." 8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050. 11



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### Report Title:

Condominiums; Leasehold; Reporting Requirements

### Description:

Requires condominium projects or associations of apartment owners to submit with their biennial registrations with the real estate commission data on the number of leasehold units in a project or association. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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