# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 667, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 "PART . MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
- 5 §667-A Applicability. (a) This part shall apply to
- 6 nonjudicial foreclosures conducted by power of sale under parts
- 7 I and II, of residential real property that is occupied by one
- 8 or more mortgagors who are owner-occupants.
- 9 (b) This part shall not apply to actions by an association
- 10 to foreclose on a lien for amounts owed to the association that
- 11 arise under a declaration filed pursuant to chapter 514A or
- 12 514B, or to a mortgagor who has previously participated in
- 13 dispute resolution under this part for the same property on the
- 14 same mortgage loan.
- 15 (c) This part shall not apply to a power of sale
- 16 foreclosure that has been converted to a judicial foreclosure
- 17 action pursuant to section 667-U.



- 1 §667-B Definitions. As used in this part:
- 2 "Approved budget and credit counselor" means a budget and
- 3 credit counseling agency that has received approval from a
- 4 United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator to provide
- 5 instructional courses concerning personal financial management
- 6 pursuant to Title 11 United States Code Section 111.
- 7 "Approved housing counselor" means a housing counseling
- 8 agency that has received approval from the United States
- 9 Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide housing
- 10 counseling services pursuant to Section 106(a)(2) of the Housing
- 11 and Urban Development Act of 1968, Title 12 United States Code
- 12 Section 1701x.
- "Association" has the same meaning as in sections 514B-3
- 14 and 421J-2.
- 15 "Department" means the department of commerce and consumer
- 16 affairs.
- 17 "Director" means the director of commerce and consumer
- 18 affairs.
- 19 "Dispute resolution" means a facilitated negotiation
- 20 between a mortgagor and mortgagee for the purpose of reaching an
- 21 agreement for mortgage loan modification or other agreement in

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- 1 an attempt to avoid foreclosure or to mitigate damages if
- 2 foreclosure is unavoidable.
- 3 "Mortgagee" has the same meaning as the term is defined in
- 4 section 667-21.
- 5 "Mortgagor" has the same meaning as the term is defined in
- 6 section 667-21.
- 7 "Neutral" means a person who is a dispute resolution
- 8 specialist assigned to facilitate the dispute resolution process
- 9 required by this part.
- 10 "Owner-occupant" means a person, at the time that a notice
- 11 of default and intention to foreclose is served on the mortgagor
- 12 under the power of sale:
- 13 (1) Who owns an interest in the residential property, and
- the interest is encumbered by the mortgage being
- foreclosed; and
- 16 (2) For whom the residential property is and has been the
- person's primary residence for a continuous period of
- not less than two hundred days immediately preceding
- 19 the date on which the notice is served.
- 20 §667-C Mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program;
- 21 administration. (a) There is established in the department a

- 1 mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program to provide an
- 2 owner-occupant an opportunity to negotiate an agreement that
- 3 avoids foreclosure or mitigates damages in cases where
- 4 foreclosure is unavoidable.
- 5 (b) The judiciary, through the center for alternative
- 6 dispute resolution, shall provide assistance to the department
- 7 in program matters including:
- 8 (1) Contract procurement;
- 9 (2) Performance oversight, such as monitoring compliance
- with the program requirements; and
- 11 (3) Management services to oversee any contract between
- the department and a private organization retained by
- the department to provide dispute resolution services
- or personnel, including providing the department with
- monthly status reports and evaluations.
- 16 The department and the judiciary shall execute a memorandum of
- 17 understanding that establishes their rights and responsibilities
- 18 relating to the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program,
- 19 which may be amended from time to time.
- 20 (c) The department is authorized to contract with county.
- 21 state, or federal agencies, and with private organizations for

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- 1 the performance of any of the functions of this part. These
- 2 contracts shall not be subject to chapter 103D or 103F.
- 3 §667-D Availability of dispute resolution required before
- 4 foreclosure. Before a public sale may be conducted pursuant to
- 5 section 667-5 or 667-25 for a residential property that is
- 6 occupied by an owner-occupant as a primary residence, the
- 7 foreclosing mortgagee shall, at the election of the owner-
- 8 occupant, participate in the mortgage foreclosure dispute
- 9 resolution program under this part to attempt to negotiate an
- 10 agreement that avoids foreclosure or mitigates damages in cases
- 11 where foreclosure is unavoidable.
- 12 §667-E Notice of dispute resolution availability required.
- 13 (a) A foreclosure notice served pursuant to section 667-5 or
- 14 667-22(e) shall include notice that the mortgagee is required,
- 15 at the election of an owner-occupant, to participate in the
- 16 mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program pursuant to this
- 17 part to attempt to avoid foreclosure or to mitigate damages
- 18 where foreclosure is unavoidable.
- 19 (b) The notice required by subsection (a) shall be printed
- 20 in not less than fourteen-point font and include:

1	(1)	The name and contact information of the mortgagor and
2		the mortgagee;
3	(2)	The subject property address and legal description,
4		including tax map key number and the certificate of
5		title number if within the land court's jurisdiction;
6	(3)	The name and contact information of a person or entity
7		authorized to negotiate a loan modification on behalf
8		of the mortgagee;
9	(4)	A statement that the mortgagor shall consult with an
10	-	approved housing counselor or an approved budget and
11		credit counselor at least thirty days prior to the
12		first day of a scheduled dispute resolution session;
13	(5)	Contact information for all local approved housing
14		counselors;
15	(6)	Contact information for all local approved budget and
16		credit counselors;
17	(7)	A statement that the mortgagor electing to participate
18		in the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program
19		shall provide a certification under penalty of perjury
20		to the department that the mortgagor is an owner-

1		occupant of the subject property, including supporting
2		documentation;
3	(8)	A general description of the information that an
4		owner-occupant electing to participate in the mortgage
5		foreclosure dispute resolution program is required to
6		provide to participate in the program as described
7		under section 667-J(c)(2);
8	(9)	A statement that the owner-occupant shall elect to
9		participate in the mortgage foreclosure dispute
10		resolution program pursuant to this part no later than
11		thirty days after the department's mailing of the
12		notice or the right shall be waived.
13	§667	-F Mortgagee's filing of notice with department;
14	filing fe	e. (a) Within three days after a mortgagee serves a
15	foreclosu	re notice on an owner-occupant pursuant to section
16	667-5 or	667-22, the mortgagee shall file the foreclosure notice
17	with the	department and pay a filing fee of \$250, which shall be
18	deposited	into the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution
19	special f	und established under section 667-P.

20 (b) Violation of this section shall constitute an unfair21 and deceptive act or practice subject to section 480-2.

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1	§667	-G Notification to mortgagor by department. Within
2	ten days	after the mortgagee's filing of a notice of default and
3	intention	to foreclose with the department, the department shall
4	mail a wr	ritten notification by registered or certified mail to
5	the mortg	agor that a notice of default and intention to
6	foreclose	has been filed with the department. The notification
7	shall inf	orm the mortgagor of an owner-occupant's right to elect
8	to partic	ipate in the foreclosure dispute resolution program and
9	shall inc	lude:
10	(1)	Information about the mortgage foreclosure dispute
11		resolution program;
12	(2)	A form for an owner-occupant to elect or to waive
13		participation in the mortgage foreclosure dispute
14		resolution program pursuant to this part that shall
15		contain instructions for the completion and return of
16		the form to the department and the department's
17		mailing address;
18	(3)	A statement that the mortgagor electing to participate
19		in the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program
20		shall provide a certification under penalty of perjury
21		to the department that the mortgagor is an owner-

1		occupant of the subject property, including a
2		description of acceptable supporting documentation as
3		required by section 667-H(a)(2);
4	(4)	A statement that the owner-occupant shall elect to
5		participate in the mortgage foreclosure dispute
6		resolution program pursuant to this part no later than
7		thirty days after the department's mailing of the
8		notice or the owner-occupant shall be deemed to have
9		waived the option to participate in the mortgage
10		foreclosure dispute resolution program;
11	(5)	A description of the information required under
12		section 667-J(c)(2) that the owner-occupant shall
13		provide to the mortgagee and the neutral assigned to
14		the dispute resolution;
15	(6.)	A statement that the owner-occupant shall consult with
16		an approved housing counselor or approved budget and
17		credit counselor at least thirty days prior to the
18		first day of a scheduled dispute resolution session;
19	(7)	Contact information for all local approved housing
20		counselors;

1	(8)	Contact information for all local approved budget and
2		credit counselors; and
3	(9)	Contact information for the department.
4	The notif	ication shall be mailed to the subject property address
5	and any c	ther addresses for the mortgagor as provided in the
6	mortgagee	's notice of dispute resolution under 667-E and the
7	foreclosu	re notice under section 667-5 or 667-22(a).
8	§667	-H Owner-occupant's election of dispute resolution;
9	owner-occ	upant program fee; right to dispute resolution waived.
10	(a) An o	wner-occupant elects to participate in the mortgage
11	foreclosu	re dispute resolution program by returning to the
12	departmen	t:
13	(1)	The completed program election form provided pursuant
14		to section 667-G(2);
15	(2)	Certification under penalty of perjury that the
16		mortgagor is an owner-occupant, accompanied with any
17		supporting documentation, including copies of recent
18		utility billing statements, voter registration
19		records, real estate property tax records, or state
20		identification forms; and

(3) A program fee of \$300.

- 1 The completed form and fees shall be received by the department
- 2 no later than thirty days after mailing of the department's
- 3 notification pursuant to section 667-G.
- 4 (b) If the completed form and fee are not received within
- 5 the required time period, the owner-occupant shall be deemed to
- 6 have waived any right to participate in the mortgage foreclosure
- 7 dispute resolution program with respect to the subject property
- 8 and the foreclosure notice filed with the department.
- 9 (c) If the owner-occupant does not elect to participate in
- 10 dispute resolution pursuant to this part, the department shall
- 11 notify the mortgagee within ten days of receiving an election
- 12 form indicating nonelection or the termination of the thirty-day
- 13 time period for election. After receiving the department's
- 14 notification, the mortgagee may proceed with the nonjudicial
- 15 foreclosure process according to the process provided in part I
- 16 or part II of this chapter, as applicable.
- 17 §667-I Notification of opening a dispute resolution case;
- 18 mortgagee's program fee. (a) If an owner-occupant elects to
- 19 participate in the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution
- 20 program, the department shall open a dispute resolution case.
- 21 Within twenty days of receipt of the owner-occupant's election



- 1 form and fee in accordance with section 667-H, the department
- 2 shall mail written notification of the case opening to the
- 3 parties by registered mail, return receipt requested, which
- 4 shall include:
- 5 (1) Notification of the date, time, and location of the
- 6 dispute resolution session;
- 7 (2) An explanation of the dispute resolution process;
- 8 (3) Information about the dispute resolution program
- 9 requirements; and
- 10 (4) Consequences and penalties for noncompliance.
- 11 The dispute resolution session shall be scheduled for a date no
- 12 less than thirty and no more than sixty days from the date of
- 13 the notification of case opening, unless mutually agreed to by
- 14 the parties and the neutral.
- 15 (b) Within fourteen days of the date of the mailing of the
- 16 written notification, the mortgagee shall pay a program fee of
- 17 \$300 to the department.
- 18 (c) The written notification of a case opening under this
- 19 section shall operate as a stay of the foreclosure proceeding in
- 20 accordance with section 667-M, and may be filed or recorded, as
- 21 appropriate, at the land court or bureau of conveyances.

1	§667	-J Parties; requirements; process. (a) The parties
2	to a disp	ute resolution process conducted under this part shall
3	consist o	f the owner-occupant or the owner-occupant's
4	represent	ative, and the mortgagee or the mortgagee's
5	represent	ative; provided that:
6	(1)	A representative of the mortgagee who participates in
7		the dispute resolution shall be authorized to
8		negotiate a loan modification on behalf of the
9		mortgagee or shall have, at all stages of the dispute
10		resolution process, direct access by telephone,
11		videoconference, or other immediately available
12		contemporaneous telecommunications medium to a person
13		who is so authorized;
14	(2)	The mortgagee and owner-occupant may be represented by
15		counsel; and
16	(3)	The owner-occupant may be assisted by an approved
17		housing counselor or approved budget and credit
18		counselor.
19	(b)	No fewer than thirty days prior to the first day of a

scheduled dispute resolution session pursuant to this part, the

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1	owner-occupant shall consult with an approved housing counselor
2	or approved budget and credit counselor.
3	(c) The parties shall comply with all information requests
4	from the department or neutral. No less than fifteen days prior
5	to the first day of the scheduled dispute resolution session:
6	(1) The mortgagee shall provide to the department and the
7	mortgagor:
8	(A) A copy of the promissory note, signed by the
9	mortgagor, including any endorsements, allonges,
10	amendments, or riders to the note evidencing the
11	mortgage debt;
12	(B) A copy of the mortgage document and any
13	amendments, riders, or other documentation
14	evidencing the mortgagee's right of nonjudicial
15	foreclosure and interest in the property
16	including any interest as a successor or
17	assignee; and
18	(C) Financial records and correspondence that confirm

(2) The owner-occupant shall provide to the department and the mortgagee:

the mortgage loan is in default.

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1	(A)	Documentation showing income qualification for a
2		loan modification, including any copies of pay
3		stubs, W-2 forms, social security or disability
4		income, retirement income, child support income,
5		or any other income that the owner-occupant deems
6		relevant to the owner-occupant's financial
7		ability to repay the mortgage;
8	(B)	Any records or correspondence available which may
9		dispute that the mortgage loan is in default;
10	(C)	Any records or correspondence available
11		evidencing a loan modification or amendment;
12	(D)	Any records or correspondence available that
13		indicate the parties are currently engaged in
14		bona fide negotiations to modify the loan or
15		negotiate a settlement of the delinquency;
16	(E)	Names and contact information for housing
17		counselors, approved budget and credit
18		counselors, or representatives of the mortgagee,
19		with whom the owner-occupant may have or is
20		currently working with to address the
21		delinquency; and

1	(F) verification of counseling by an approved housing
2	counselor or approved budget and credit
3	counselor.
4	(d) The dispute resolution session shall consist of at
5	least one meeting lasting no more than three hours, which may be
6	extended by the equivalent of one additional three-hour session
7	on the same or a different day at the neutral's discretion.
8	The parties shall be present in person at the dispute
9	resolution session; provided that a party may submit a written
10	request to the department at least fourteen days prior to the
11	scheduled dispute resolution session to participate through
12	telephone, videoconference, or other contemporaneous
13	telecommunications medium. A request to participate through a
14	telecommunications medium shall be granted only for good cause
15	and upon agreement of the neutral and the other party to the
16	dispute resolution. For purposes of this subsection, "good
17	cause" means an event or circumstance outside of the requesting
18	party's control that makes in-person participation impossible.
19	The neutral shall have the discretion to postpone a dispute
20	resolution session in order to allow the requesting party to
21	participate in person; provided that postponement shall not

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- 1 delay the dispute resolution process beyond timelines
- 2 established by this part.
- 3 (e) A dispute resolution process conducted pursuant to
- 4 this part shall use the calculations, assumptions, and forms
- 5 established by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Loan
- 6 Modification Program Guide as set out on the Federal Deposit
- 7 Insurance Corporation's publicly accessible website or a
- 8 different program or process if agreed to by both parties and
- 9 the neutral.
- 10 (f) The dispute resolution process shall conclude within
- 11 sixty days from the first scheduled meeting between the parties
- 12 to the dispute resolution and the neutral; provided that the
- 13 neutral shall have the authority to extend this period. Nothing
- 14 in this part shall be construed to require the dispute
- 15 resolution process to take the full sixty days allotted to reach
- 16 a negotiated agreement.
- 17 §667-K Outcome of dispute resolution; neutral's closing
- 18 report. (a) Within ten days from the conclusion of the dispute
- 19 resolution, the neutral shall file a closing report with the
- 20 department, which verifies the parties' presence at the session,
- 21 compliance with the requirements of this part, and reports



- 1 whether the parties reached an agreement to resolve the dispute
- 2 and the date of the dispute resolution's conclusion. Upon
- 3 receipt of the neutral's closing report, the department shall
- 4 close the case. The department shall forward a written copy of
- 5 the neutral's closing report by registered or certified mail to
- 6 the parties within five days after receipt from the neutral.
- 7 (b) If, despite the parties' participation in the dispute
- 8 resolution process and compliance with the requirements of this
- 9 part, the parties are not able to come to an agreement, the
- 10 neutral shall file a closing report with the department that the
- 11 parties met the program requirements. The mortgagee may file or
- 12 record the report at the bureau of conveyances or the land
- 13 court, as appropriate. Upon recording of the report pursuant to
- 14 this subsection, the foreclosure process shall resume along the
- 15 timeline as it existed on the date before the mortgagor elected
- 16 dispute resolution, and may proceed as otherwise provided by
- 17 law. The mortgagee shall notify the mortgagor of the recording
- 18 date and document number of this report and the deadline date to
- 19 cure default in an amended foreclosure notice. Nothing in this
- 20 subsection shall be construed to require the neutral to wait the
- 21 full sixty days allotted for dispute resolution to determine

- 1 that the parties were unable to reach an agreement and file a
- 2 report.
- 3 (c) If the parties have complied with the requirements of
- 4 this part and have reached an agreement, the agreement shall be
- 5 memorialized in a settlement document signed by the parties or
- 6 their authorized representatives. If the parties or their
- 7 authorized representatives participate in the dispute resolution
- 8 session in person, the settlement document shall be signed in
- 9 the presence of the neutral. If any of the parties or their
- 10 authorized representatives participate in the dispute resolution
- 11 through telephone, videoconference, or other immediately
- 12 available contemporaneous telecommunications medium, the
- 13 settlement document shall be signed and returned to the neutral
- 14 no later than ten days after the conclusion of the dispute
- 15 resolution session. The parties shall be responsible for
- 16 drafting any agreement reached, and for filing or recording with
- 17 the land court or the bureau of conveyances, as appropriate, and
- 18 enforcing the settlement document. The neutral shall file the
- 19 settlement document with the neutral's closing report. The
- 20 settlement document shall be a contract between the parties and
- 21 shall be enforceable in a private contract action in a court of

- 1 appropriate jurisdiction in the event of breach by either party.
- 2 If the settlement document allows for foreclosure or other
- 3 transfer of the subject property, the stay of the foreclosure
- 4 under section 667-M shall be released upon filing or recording
- 5 the settlement document with the land court or bureau of
- 6 conveyances, as appropriate. Thereafter, the land court or
- 7 bureau of conveyances may record a notice of sale or other
- 8 conveyance document, as appropriate.
- 9 (d) If the parties to a dispute resolution process reach
- 10 an agreement which resolves the matters at issue in the dispute
- 11 resolution before the first day of the scheduled dispute
- 12 resolution session scheduled pursuant to this section, the
- 13 parties shall notify the neutral by that date. The neutral
- 14 shall thereafter issue a closing report that the parties have
- 15 reached an agreement prior to the commencement of a dispute
- 16 resolution session. If the agreement provides for foreclosure,
- 17 the parties shall memorialize the agreement in a writing signed
- 18 by both parties and provided to the neutral. Any agreement
- 19 authorizing foreclosure shall be attached to the neutral's
- 20 closing report. The parties may file or record the report at
- 21 the bureau of conveyances or the land court, as appropriate. If

-	cire agreement a	ductionizes foreclosure, the stay of the
2	foreclosure und	ler section 667-M shall be released upon filing or
3	recording with	the land court or bureau of conveyances, as
4	appropriate. T	hereafter, the land court or bureau of
5	conveyances may	record a notice of sale or other conveyance
6	document, as ap	propriate. No fees shall be refunded if the
7	parties come to	an agreement prior to a dispute resolution
8	session conduct	ed pursuant to this part.
9	§667-L No	ncompliance with requirements; statement. (a)
10	The neutral's c	losing report shall indicate if the mortgagee or
11	the owner-occup	ant failed to comply with requirements of the
12	mortgage forecl	osure dispute resolution program.
13	(1) In th	e case of the mortgagee, failure to comply with
14	the r	equirements of the program may consist of:
15	(A)	Participation in dispute resolution without the
16		authority to negotiate a loan modification or
17		without access at all stages of the dispute
18		resolution process to a person who is so
19		authorized;
20	(B)	Failure to provide the required information or
21		documents;

1		(C) Refusal to cooperate or participate in dispute
2		resolution; or
3		(D) Refusal or failure to pay program fees under
4		section 667-I in a timely manner.
5	(2)	In the case of the owner-occupant, failure to comply
6		with the requirements of the program may consist of:
7		(A) Failure to provide the required information or
8		documents; or
9		(B) Refusal to cooperate or participate in dispute
10		resolution.
11	(b)	If the neutral determines that the noncompliance was
12	unjustif	ied as a result of circumstances within a party's
13	control,	sanctions may be imposed on the noncompliant party as
14	follows:	
15	(1)	Sanctions against a mortgagee for unjustified
16		noncompliance with the program shall include a stay of
17		the foreclosure under section 667-M and a fine payable
18		to the owner-occupant not to exceed \$1,500; or
19	(2)	Sanctions against an owner-occupant for unjustified
20		noncompliance with the program shall include a removal
21		of the stay of the foreslessing pursuant to section

1	667-M(b) and a fine payable to the mortgagee not to
2	exceed \$1,500.
3	§667-M Stay of nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings. (a)
4	The written notification of a case opening under section 667-I
5	shall operate as a stay of the foreclosure proceeding, and may
6	be filed or recorded, as appropriate, at the land court or
7	bureau of conveyances.
8	(b) Upon a stay pursuant to subsection (a), a mortgagee
9	shall not foreclose upon a mortgage:
10	(1) Until the neutral's report confirming either that the
11	parties have been unable to reach an agreement under
12	section 667-K(b) or the parties have reached an
13	agreement that authorizes foreclosure under section
14	667-K (c) or (d) is filed with the department;
15	(2) If a statement of noncompliance has been issued
16	against the mortgagee pursuant to section 667-L; or
17	(3) Unless otherwise provided by law or court order.
18	§667-N Confidentiality. Personal financial information
19	and other sensitive personal information, including information
20	describing an individual's finances, income, assets,
21	liabilities, net worth, bank balances, financial history or

- 1 activities, or credit worthiness which is disclosed by the
- 2 parties in the course of the mortgage foreclosure dispute
- 3 resolution program, shall be confidential and not subject to
- 4 public disclosure under chapter 92F or any other state law.
- 5 §667-0 Neutral qualifications; status and liability. A
- 6 neutral shall possess sufficient knowledge in the areas of law,
- 7 real estate, or finance and shall receive sufficient training to
- 8 be able to effectuate the purposes of this part.
- 9 A neutral shall not be liable for any act or omission that
- 10 occurs in relation to the administration or operation of the
- 11 mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program. A neutral
- 12 shall not be a necessary party to, called as a witness in, or
- 13 subject to any subpoena duces tecum for the production of
- 14 documents in any arbitral, judicial, or administrative
- 15 proceeding that arises from or relates to the mortgage
- 16 foreclosure dispute resolution program.
- 17 §667-P Mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution special
- 18 fund. (a) There is established in the state treasury a special
- 19 fund to be known as the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution
- 20 special fund to be administered by the department to implement
- 21 and operate the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program



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- 1 established by this part. Moneys collected as fees or fines
- 2 under sections 454M-10, 667-F, 667-H, 667-I, and 667-U, for the
- 3 mortgage dispute resolution program and contributions from the
- 4 sources identified under subsection (b) shall be deposited in
- 5 the fund. Interest earned from the balance of the fund shall
- 6 become a part of the fund.
- 7 (b) All persons who record an affidavit in the land court
- 8 pursuant to section 501-118, or who record a conveyance document
- 9 in the bureau of conveyances for an owner-occupied property
- 10 subject to a nonjudicial power of sale foreclosure shall pay a
- 11 fee of \$100 which shall be deposited into the mortgage
- 12 foreclosure dispute resolution special fund on a quarterly
- 13 basis."
- 14 SECTION 2. Chapter 454M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 16 and to read as follows:
- 17 "§454M- Unlicensed foreclosure actions voided. Any
- 18 action taken in connection with a mortgage foreclosure under
- chapter 667 by a nonexempt person who engages in the business of
- 20 mortgage servicing without a license as provided in this chapter
- 21 shall be void for purposes of chapter 667."



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1	SECTION 3. Chapter 667, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding two new sections to part I to be appropriately
3	designated and to read as follows:
4	§667-Q Recordation of foreclosure notice. The foreclosing
5	mortgagee may record a copy of the foreclosure notice with the
6	assistant registrar of the land court or the bureau of
7	conveyances, as appropriate, in a manner similar to recordation
8	of notices of pendency of action under section 501-151 or
9	section 634-51, as applicable. The recorded notice shall have
10	the same effect as a notice of pendency of action. From and
11	after the recordation of the notice, any person who becomes a
12	purchaser or encumbrancer of the mortgaged property shall be
13	deemed to have constructive notice of the power of sale
14	foreclosure and shall be bound by the foreclosure.
15	§667-R Location of public sale following power of sale
16	foreclosure. The public sale of the mortgaged property shall be
17	held only on grounds or at facilities under the administration
18	of the State, as follows:
19	(1) At the state capitol, for a public sale of mortgaged
20	property located in the city and county of Honolulu;

1	(2)	At a state facility in Hilo, for a public sale of
2		mortgaged property located in the eastern portion of
3		the county of Hawaii;
4	(3)	At a state facility in Kailua-Kona, for a public sale
5		of mortgaged property located in the western portion
6		of the county of Hawaii;
7	(4)	At a state facility in the county seat of Maui, for a
8		public sale of mortgaged property located in the
9		county of Maui; and
10	<u>(5)</u>	At a state facility in the county seat of Kauai, for a
11		public sale of mortgaged property located in the
12		county of Kauai;
13	as design	ated by the department of accounting and general
14	services;	provided that no public sale shall be held on grounds
15	or at fac	ilities under the administration of the judiciary. The
16	public sa	le shall be held during business hours on a business
17	day."	
18	SECT	ION 4. Chapter 667, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended b	y adding two new sections to part II to be
20	appropria	tely designated and to read as follows:

1	"8667-S Foreclosure notice; planned communities;
2	condominiums; cooperative housing projects. Notwithstanding any
3	law or agreement to the contrary, any person who forecloses on a
4	property under this part within a planned community, a
5	condominium apartment or unit, or an apartment in a cooperative
6	housing project shall notify, by way of registered or certified
7	mail, the board of directors of the planned community
8	association, the association of owners of the condominium
9	project, or the cooperative housing project in which the
10	property to be foreclosed is located, of the foreclosure at the
11	time foreclosure proceedings are begun. The notice, at a
12	minimum, shall identify the property, condominium apartment or
13	unit, or cooperative apartment that is the subject of the
14	foreclosure and identify the name or names of the person or
15	persons bringing foreclosure proceedings. This section shall
16	not apply when the planned community association, condominium
17	association of owners, or cooperative housing corporation is a
18	party in a foreclosure action. This section shall not affect
19	civil proceedings against parties other than the planned
20	community association, association of owners, or cooperative
21	housing corporation.

1	§667-T Foreclosure of association lien; cure of default.
2	If a unit owner notifies the association or its attorney by
3	certified mail return receipt requested or by hand-delivery
4	within five business days following a response to the unit
5	owner's request for the amount to cure a default, together with
6	an estimated amount of the foreclosing association's attorneys'
7	fees and costs, and all other fees and costs related to the
8	default estimated to be incurred by the foreclosing association,
9	that it intends to cure the default, the association shall allow
10	sixty calendar days to the unit owner to cure the default. The
11	association shall not reject a reasonable payment plan for cure
12	of the default; provided that a reasonable plan shall require
13	the owner to pay at a minimum the current maintenance fee and
14	some amount owed on the past due balance. From and after the
15	date that the unit owner gives written notice to the association
16	of its intent to cure the delinquency, any nonjudicial
17	foreclosure of the lien shall be stayed pending the sixty-day
18	period or a longer period that is agreed upon by the parties."
19	SECTION 5. Chapter 667, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20	amended by adding three new sections to part III to be
21	appropriately designated and to read as follows:

1	" <u>§</u> 66	7-U Conversion to judicial foreclosure; residential
2	property;	conditions. (a) An owner-occupant of a residential
3	property	that is subject to nonjudicial foreclosure under part I
4	or II may	convert the action to a judicial foreclosure provided
5	that:	
6	(1)	A petition conforming to section 667-V shall be filed
7	,	with the circuit court in the circuit where the
8		residential property is located, stating that the
9		owner-occupant of the property elects to convert the
10		nonjudicial foreclosure to a judicial foreclosure
11		proceeding no later than thirty days after the
12		foreclosure notice is served on the owner-occupant as
13		required by section 667-5 or 667-22;
14	(2)	Within forty-five days of the filing of the petition,
15		all owner-occupants and mortgagors of an interest in
16		the residential property whose interests are pledged
17		or otherwise encumbered by the mortgage that is being
18		foreclosed and all persons who have signed the
19		promissory note or other instrument evidencing thè
20		debt secured by the mortgage that is being foreclosed,
21		including without limitation co-obligors and

1		guarantors, shall file a statement in the circuit
2		court action that they agree to submit themselves to
3		the judicial process and the jurisdiction of the
4		circuit court; provided further that if this condition
5		is not satisfied, the circuit court action may be
6		dismissed with prejudice as to the right of any owner-
7		occupant to convert the action to a judicial
8	•	proceeding, and the mortgagee may proceed
9		nonjudicially;
10	(3)	Filing a petition pursuant to paragraph (1) shall
11		automatically stay the nonjudicial foreclosure action
12		unless and until the judicial proceeding has been
13		dismissed;
14	(4)	The person filing the petition pursuant to paragraph
15		(1) shall have an affirmative duty to promptly notify
16		the Hawaii attorney who is handling the nonjudicial
17		foreclosure about the filing of the complaint for
18		conversion;
19	<u>(5)</u>	All parties joined in the converted judicial
20		proceeding may assert therein any claims and defenses
21		that they could have asserted had the action

1		originally been commenced as a judicial foreclosure
2		action; and
3	<u>(6)</u>	Notwithstanding chapter 607, the fee for filing the
4		petition shall be not more than \$525, of which \$250
5		shall be deposited into the mortgage foreclosure
6		dispute resolution special fund established under
7		section 667-P; provided that if the mortgage
8		foreclosure dispute resolution program under part
9		has not yet been implemented, the filing fee shall be
10		not more than \$300.
11	(b)	This section shall not apply to foreclosures of
12	associatio	on liens that arise under a declaration filed pursuant
13	to chapte:	r 514A or 514B.
14	(a)	This section shall not apply to a foreclosure for
15	which the	mortgagor has elected to participate in the mortgage
16	foreclosu	re dispute resolution program pursuant to part .
17	(d)	The judiciary may create and adopt a form for a
18	conversion	n petition.
19	<u>\$667</u>	-V Petition for conversion; residential property;
20	required o	contents. A petition filed pursuant to section 667-U
21	shall cont	tain at a minimum:



1	(1)	A caption setting forth the name of the court, the
2		title of the action, and the file number; provided
3		that the title of the action shall include the names
4		of the filing party as petitioner and the foreclosing
5		party as the respondent;
6	(2)	The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the
7		filing party;
8	(3)	The address or tax map key number and the certificate
9		of title or transfer certificate of title number if
10		within the land court's jurisdiction, of the property
11		subject to the foreclosure action;
12	(4)	A statement identifying all other owner-occupants and
13		mortgagors of the property whose interests are pledged
14		or otherwise encumbered by the mortgage that is being
15		foreclosed and all persons who have signed the
16		promissory note or other instrument evidencing the
17		debt secured by the mortgage that is being foreclosed,
18		including without limitation co-obligors and
19		guarantors;
20	(5)	A certification under penalty of perjury that the
21		filing party is an owner-occupant of the subject

1		property and seeks to convert the nonjudicial
2		foreclosure to a judicial proceeding;
3	<u>(6)</u>	A statement certifying that the filing party served a
4		copy of the petition on the attorney identified in the
5		foreclosure notice under section 667-5 or 667-22
6		either by personal delivery at, or by postage prepaid
7		United States mail to, the address of the attorney as
8		set forth in the foreclosure notice under section 667-
9		5 or 667-22; and
10	(7)	A copy of the foreclosure notice that was served on
11		the filing party pursuant to section 667-5 or 667-22
12		and for which the filing party is seeking to convert
13		to a judicial proceeding.
14	(b)	The assignment of parties in the petition for
15	conversion	n pursuant to subsection (a) shall relate to the
16	petition :	for conversion only and shall not be construed to
17	affect the	e assignment of parties in a nonjudicial power of sale
18	foreclosu	re converted to a judicial foreclosure pursuant to this
19	part.	·
20	<u>§667</u>	-W Notice of default and intention to foreclose;
21	residentia	al property; required statement on conversion. (a)

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Ţ	The foreclosure notice that is served as required under section
2	667-5 or 667-22 shall include, in addition to the contents
3	required under section 667-5 or 667-22, a statement printed in
4	not less than fourteen-point font as follows:
5	"IF THE PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED IS
6	IMPROVED AND USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, AN
7	OWNER-OCCUPANT OF THE PROPERTY (DEFINED IN
8	CHAPTER 667 OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AS A
9	PERSON WHO, AT THE TIME THIS NOTICE IS SERVED,
10	OWNS AN INTEREST IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT
11	IS SUBJECT TO THE MORTGAGE BEING FORECLOSED AND
12	THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY
13	RESIDENCE CONTINUOUSLY FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO
14	HUNDRED DAYS) HAS THE RIGHT TO CONVERT A
15	NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING TO A JUDICIAL
16	FORECLOSURE WHERE CLAIMS AND DEFENSES MAY BE
17	CONSIDERED BY A COURT OF LAW. TO EXERCISE THIS
18	RIGHT, THE OWNER-OCCUPANT SHALL COMPLETE AND FILE
19	THE ATTACHED FORM WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE
20	CIRCUIT WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN
21	THIRTY DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE.

1	IN ADDITION, ALL OWNER-OCCUPANTS AND
2	MORTGAGORS OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHOSE
3	INTERESTS HAVE BEEN PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE
4	ENCUMBERED BY THE MORTGAGE THAT IS BEING
5	FORECLOSED AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE SIGNED THE
6	PROMISSORY NOTE OR OTHER INSTRUMENT EVIDENCING
7	THE DEBT SECURED BY THE MORTGAGE THAT IS BEING
8	FORECLOSED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CO-
9	OBLIGORS AND GUARANTORS, SHALL FILE A STATEMENT
10	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT ACTION THAT THEY AGREE TO
11	SUBMIT TO THE JUDICIAL PROCESS AND THE
12	JURISDICTIÓN OF THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN FORTY-
13	FIVE DAYS OF THE FILING OF THE ATTACHED FORM.
14	FAILURE TO SATISFY THIS CONDITION MAY RESULT IN
15	DISMISSAL OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ACTION WITH
16	PREJUDICE.
17	AN OWNER-OCCUPANT SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE
18	HAWAII ATTORNEY LISTED IN THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE
19	FILING OF THE CONVERSION FORM.
20	MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MAY
21	BE AVAILABLE IN NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE ACTIONS

1	AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR OWNER-OCCUPANTS ATTEMPTING
2	TO AVOID FORECLOSURE OR TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS
3	OF FORECLOSURE ON AN OWNER-OCCUPANT. HOWEVER, IF
4	AN OWNER-OCCUPANT FILES FOR CONVERSION, DISPUTE
5	RESOLUTION MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE UNLESS ORDERED BY
6	A JUDGE.
7	A FORECLOSING LENDER WHO COMPLETES A
8	NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
9	SHALL BE PROHIBITED UNDER HAWAII LAW FROM
10	PURSUING A DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT AGAINST A
11	MORTGAGOR UNLESS THE DEBT IS SECURED BY OTHER
12	COLLATERAL, OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW. IF
13	THIS ACTION IS CONVERTED TO A JUDICIAL
14	PROCEEDING, HOWEVER, THEN ALL REMEDIES AVAILABLE
15	TO A LENDER MAY BE ASSERTED, INCLUDING THE RIGHT
16	TO SEEK A DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT.
17	(b) The statement required by this section shall not be
18	required to be included in the notice of sale published pursuant
19	to 667-5(a)(1) or the public notice of public sale published
20	pursuant to section 667-27."

1	SECTION 6. Chapter 667, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is			
2	amended by adding six new sections to part III to be			
3	appropriately designated and to read as follows:			
4	"§667-X Definitions. For purposes of this chapter,			
5	"foreclosure notice" shall mean notice of intention to foreclose			
6	given pursuant to section 667-5 or notice of default and			
7	intention to foreclose prepared pursuant to section 667-22.			
8	§667-Y Prohibited conduct. It shall be a prohibited			
9	practice for any foreclosing mortgagee to engage in any of the			
10	following practices:			
11	(1) Holding a public sale on a date, at a time, or at a			
12	place other than that described in the public notice			
13	of the public sale or a properly noticed postponement;			
14	(2) Specifying a fictitious place in the public notice of			
15	the public sale;			
16	(3) Conducting a postponed public sale on a date other			
17	than the date described in the new public notice of			
18	the public sale;			
19	(4) Delaying the delivery of the recorded, conformed copy			
20	of the conveyance document to a bona fide purchaser			

1		who purchases in good faith for more than forty-five
2		days after the completion of the public sale;
3	<u>(5)</u>	Completing nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings during
4		short sale escrows with a bona fide purchaser if the
5		short sale offer is at least five per cent greater
6		than the public sale price; provided that escrow is
7		opened within ten days and closed within forty-five
8		days of the public sale; and provided further that a
9		bona fide short sale purchaser shall have priority
10		over any other purchaser;
11	<u>(6)</u>	Completing nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings during
12		bona fide loan modification negotiations with the
13		mortgagor; or
14	<u>(7)</u>	Completing nonjudicial foreclosure proceedings against
15		a mortgagor who has been accepted or is being
16		evaluated for consideration for entry into a federal
17		loan modification program before obtaining a
18		certificate or other documentation confirming that the
19		mortgagor is no longer eligible or an active
20		participant of that federal program.

. <b>I</b>	<u>\$667-Z</u> Suspension of foreclosure actions by junior
2	lienholders. (a) Upon initiation of a foreclosure action
3	pursuant to part I or part II by a foreclosing mortgagee as
4	defined in section 667-21(b), no junior lienholder shall be
5	permitted to initiate or continue a nonjudicial foreclosure
6	pursuant to part I until the foreclosure initiated by the
7	foreclosing mortgagee has been concluded by a judgment issued by
8	a court pursuant to section 667-1, the recording of an affidavit
9	after public sale pursuant to section 667-5 or 667-33, or the
10	filing of a settlement document under the mortgage foreclosure
11	dispute resolution provisions of section 667-K.
12	(b) Upon initiation of a foreclosure action pursuant to
13	part I or part II by a foreclosing mortgagee as defined in
14	section 667-21(b), no junior lienholder shall be permitted to
15	initiate a nonjudicial foreclosure pursuant to part II during
16	the pendency of a stay pursuant to section 667-M; provided that
17	a junior lienholder may initiate or continue with a nonjudicial
18	foreclosure pursuant to part II if the junior lien foreclosure
19	was initiated before the foreclosure action by the foreclosing
20	mortgagee.

1 §667-AA Valid notice. (a) Any notices made pursuant to 2 this chapter may be issued only by persons authorized by a 3 foreclosing mortgagee or lender pursuant to an affiliate 4 statement signed by that foreclosing mortgagee or lender and 5 recorded at the bureau of conveyances identifying the agency or 6 affiliate relationship and the authority granted or conferred to 7 that agent or representative. 8 The bureau of conveyances document number for the 9 affiliate statement required under subsection (a) shall be 10 included in any notice required to be personally served upon the 11 mortgagor or borrower under this chapter. 12 (c) Any notice provided by a mortgage servicer, including 13 an agent, employee, or representative of that mortgage servicer, 14 shall be issued only by a mortgage servicer that has been listed 15 in the affiliate statement filed by the foreclosing mortgagee or 16 lender under subsection (a); provided further that the mortgage 17 servicer shall be licensed under or otherwise exempt from 18 chapter 454M. The agency relationship or affiliation of the 19 mortgage servicer and the foreclosing mortgagee or lender and any authority granted or conferred to that mortgage servicer 20

- 1 shall be described in the affiliate statement filed under both
- 2 subsection (a) and section 454M-5(a)(4)(F).
- 3 §667-AB Actions and communications with the mortgagor in
- 4 connection with a foreclosure. A foreclosing mortgagee shall be
- 5 bound by all agreements, obligations, representations, or
- 6 inducements made on its behalf by its agents including but not
- 7 limited to its employees, representatives, mortgage servicers,
- 8 or persons authorized by a foreclosing mortgagee or lender
- 9 pursuant to an affiliate statement recorded in the bureau of
- 10 conveyances pursuant to section 667-AA.
- 11 For purposes of this section, "foreclosing mortgagee" has
- 12 the same meaning as in section 667-21.
- 13 §667-AC Unfair or deceptive act or practice. Any
- 14 foreclosing mortgagee who violates this chapter shall have
- 15 committed an unfair or deceptive act or practice under section
- **16** 480-2."
- 17 SECTION 7. Section 26-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 18 amended by amending subsection (o) to read as follows:
- 19 "(o) Every person licensed under any chapter within the
- 20 jurisdiction of the department of commerce and consumer affairs
- 21 and every person licensed subject to chapter 485A or registered



- 1 under chapter 467B shall pay upon issuance of a license, permit,
- 2 certificate, or registration a fee and a subsequent annual fee
- 3 to be determined by the director and adjusted from time to time
- 4 to ensure that the proceeds, together with all other fines,
- 5 income, and penalties collected under this section, do not
- 6 surpass the annual operating costs of conducting compliance
- 7 resolution activities required under this section. The fees may
- 8 be collected biennially or pursuant to rules adopted under
- 9 chapter 91, and shall be deposited into the special fund
- 10 established under this subsection. Every filing pursuant to
- 11 chapter 514E or section 485A-202(a)(26) shall be assessed, upon
- 12 initial filing and at each renewal period in which a renewal is
- 13 required, a fee that shall be prescribed by rules adopted under
- 14 chapter 91, and that shall be deposited into the special fund
- 15 established under this subsection. Any unpaid fee shall be paid
- 16 by the licensed person, upon application for renewal,
- 17 restoration, reactivation, or reinstatement of a license, and by
- 18 the person responsible for the renewal, restoration,
- 19 reactivation, or reinstatement of a license, upon the
- 20 application for renewal, restoration, reactivation, or
- 21 reinstatement of the license. If the fees are not paid, the

- 1 director may deny renewal, restoration, reactivation, or
- 2 reinstatement of the license. The director may establish,
- 3 increase, decrease, or repeal the fees when necessary pursuant
- 4 to rules adopted under chapter 91. The director may also
- 5 increase or decrease the fees pursuant to section 92-28.
- 6 There is created in the state treasury a special fund to be
- 7 known as the compliance resolution fund to be expended by the
- 8 director's designated representatives as provided by this
- 9 subsection. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, all
- 10 revenues, fees, and fines collected by the department shall be
- 11 deposited into the compliance resolution fund. Unencumbered
- 12 balances existing on June 30, 1999, in the cable television fund
- 13 under chapter 440G, the division of consumer advocacy fund under
- 14 chapter 269, the financial institution examiners' revolving
- 15 fund, section 412:2-109, the special handling fund, section
- 16 414-13, and unencumbered balances existing on June 30, 2002, in
- 17 the insurance regulation fund, section 431:2-215, shall be
- 18 deposited into the compliance resolution fund. This provision
- 19 shall not apply to the drivers education fund underwriters fee,
- 20 sections 431:10C-115 and 431:10G-107, insurance premium taxes
- 21 and revenues, revenues of the workers' compensation special

- 1 compensation fund, section 386-151, the captive insurance
- 2 administrative fund, section 431:19-101.8, the insurance
- 3 commissioner's education and training fund, section 431:2-214,
- 4 the medical malpractice patients' compensation fund as
- 5 administered under section 5 of Act 232, Session Laws of Hawaii
- 6 1984, and fees collected for deposit in the office of consumer
- 7 protection restitution fund, section 487-14, the real estate
- 8 appraisers fund, section 466K-1, the real estate recovery fund,
- 9 section 467-16, the real estate education fund, section 467-19,
- 10 the contractors recovery fund, section 444-26, the contractors
- 11 education fund, section 444-29, [and] the condominium education
- 12 trust fund, section 514B-71[-], and the mortgage foreclosure
- 13 dispute resolution special fund, section 667-P. Any law to the
- 14 contrary notwithstanding, the director may use the moneys in the
- 15 fund to employ, without regard to chapter 76, hearings officers
- 16 and attorneys. All other employees may be employed in
- 17 accordance with chapter 76. Any law to the contrary
- 18 notwithstanding, the moneys in the fund shall be used to fund
- 19 the operations of the department. The moneys in the fund may be
- 20 used to train personnel as the director deems necessary and for
- 21 any other activity related to compliance resolution.

1	As u	sed in this subsection, unless otherwise required by
2	the conte	xt, "compliance resolution" means a determination of
3	whether:	
4	(1)	Any licensee or applicant under any chapter subject to
5		the jurisdiction of the department of commerce and
6		consumer affairs has complied with that chapter;
7	(2)	Any person subject to chapter 485A has complied with
8		that chapter;
9	(3)	Any person submitting any filing required by chapter
10		514E or section 485A-202(a)(26) has complied with
11		chapter 514E or section 485A-202(a)(26);
12	(4.)	Any person has complied with the prohibitions against
13		unfair and deceptive acts or practices in trade or
14		commerce; or
15	(5)	Any person subject to chapter 467B has complied with
16		that chapter;
17	and inclu	des work involved in or supporting the above functions,
18	licensing	, or registration of individuals or companies regulated
19	by the de	partment, consumer protection, and other activities of
20	the depar	tment.

1 The director shall prepare and submit an annual report to 2 the governor and the legislature on the use of the compliance 3 resolution fund. The report shall describe expenditures made 4 from the fund including non-payroll operating expenses." 5 SECTION 8. Section 454M-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 6 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows: 7 "(b) [A] No person [is engaged] shall engage in the business of mortgage servicing [if the person provides those 8 9 services] in this State [even-if] unless the person providing services has [no] a physical presence in the State[-] pursuant 10 11 to section 454M-5(a)(5)." 12 SECTION 9. Section 454M-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 amended to read as follows: "[{] §454M-4[}] License; fees; renewals[-]; voluntary 14 surrender of license. (a) An applicant for licensure shall 15 16 file an application on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall pay an application fee of \$500. Each license shall expire 17 18 on June 30 of each calendar year. A license may be renewed by 19 filing a renewal statement on a form prescribed by the

commissioner and paying a renewal fee of \$250, on or before July

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1 for licensure for the following year.

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- 1 (b) The applicant shall submit any other information that 2 the commissioner may require, including the applicant's: 3 (1) [The applicant's form] Form and place of organization; 4 (2) [The applicant's tax] Tax identification number; and 5 (3) [The-applicant's proposed] Proposed method of doing 6 business. 7 The applicant shall disclose whether the applicant or any 8 of its officers, directors, employees, managers, agents, 9 partners, or members [has] have ever been issued or been the 10 subject of an injunction or administrative order pertaining to any aspect of the lending business, [has] have ever been 11 12 convicted of a misdemeanor involving the lending industry or any 13 aspect of the lending business, or [has] have ever been 14 convicted of any felony. 15 (c) A mortgage servicer licensed under this chapter may voluntarily cease business and surrender its license by giving 16 written notice to the commissioner of its intent to surrender 17 18 its mortgage servicer license. Notice pursuant to this 19 subsection shall be given at least thirty days before the 20 surrender of the license and shall include:
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The date of surrender;

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1	(2)	The name, address, telephone number, facsimile number,
2		and electronic address of a contact individual with
3		knowledge and authority sufficient to communicate with
4		the commissioner regarding all matters relating to the
5		licensee during the period that it was licensed
6		pursuant to this chapter;
7	(3)	The reason or reasons for surrender;
8	(4)	The original license issued pursuant to this chapter
9		to the mortgage servicer; and
10	(5)	If applicable, a copy of all notices to affected
11		borrowers required by the Real Estate Settlement
12		Procedures Act, Title 12 United States Code Section
13		2601 et seq., or by regulations adopted pursuant to
14		the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, of the
15		assignment, sale, or transfer of the servicing of all
16		relevant loans that the licensee is currently
17		servicing under the license being surrendered.
18	Volu	ntary surrender of a license shall be effective upon
19	the date	of surrender specified on the written notice to the
20	commission	ner as required by this subsection; provided that if a
21	mortgage :	servicer is required to assign, sell, or transfer the

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2	servicer'	s license shall be effective upon the effective date of
3	the assig	nment, sale, or transfer of the servicing of all
4	loans."	
5	SECT	'ION 10. Section 454M-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended b	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
7	"(a)	A mortgage servicer licensed or acting under this
8	chapter,	in addition to any other duties imposed by law, shall:
9	(1)	Safeguard and account for any money handled for the
10		borrower;
11	(2)	Act with reasonable skill, care, timeliness,
12		promptness, and diligence;
13	(3)	Disclose to the commissioner in the servicer's license
14		application and each yearly renewal a complete,
15		current schedule of the ranges of costs and fees it
16	•	charges borrowers for its servicing-related
17		activities; [and]
18	(4)	File [with the commissioner upon request] a report
19		with each yearly renewal statement in a form and
20		format acceptable to the director detailing the
21		servicer's activities in this State, including:

1	(A)	The number of mortgage loans the servicer is
2		servicing;
3	(B)	The type and characteristics of [such] loans
4		serviced in this State;
5	(C)	The number of serviced loans in default, along
6		with a breakdown of thirty-, sixty-, and ninety-
7		day delinquencies;
8	(D)	Information on loss mitigation activities,
9		including details on workout arrangements
10		undertaken;
11	(E)	Information on foreclosures commenced in this
12		State; [and]
13	<u>(F)</u>	The affiliations of the mortgage servicer,
14		including any lenders or mortgagees for which the
15		mortgage servicer provides service, any
16		subsidiary or parent entities of the mortgage
17		servicer, and a description of the authority held
18		by the mortgage servicer through its
19		affiliations; and
20	[ <del>(F)</del> ] <u>(G)</u>	Any other information that the commissioner may
<b>21</b>		require[-]; and

1	(5)	Maintain an office in the State that is staffed by at
2		least one agent or employee for the purposes of
3		addressing consumer inquiries or complaints and
4		accepting service of process; provided that the
5		mortgage servicer's business constitutes at least a
6		twenty per cent share of the portion of the total
7		mortgage loan service market in the State that was
8		serviced by mortgage servicers licensed under this
9		chapter within the previous calendar year; and
10		provided further that nothing in this section shall
11		prohibit a mortgagee as defined by section 667-21 or a
12		mortgage servicer from contracting with a licensee
13		that maintains an office in this State in conformity
14		with this section for the purposes of addressing
15		consumer inquiries or complaints and accepting service
16		of process."
17	SECT	ION 11. Section 454M-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18	amended to	o read as follows:
19	"[+] "	§454M-10[] Penalty. Any person who violates any
20	provision	of this chapter may be subject to an administrative
21	fine of at	t least \$1,000 and not more than [\$5,000] \$7,000 for

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2 deposited into the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution 3 special fund established pursuant to section 667-P." 4 SECTION 12. Section 501-151, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 5 amended to read as follows: 6 "§501-151 Pending actions, judgments; recording of, 7 notice. No writ of entry, action for partition, or any action 8 affecting the title to real property or the use and occupation 9 thereof or the buildings thereon, and no judgment, nor any 10 appeal or other proceeding to vacate or reverse any judgment, 11 shall have any effect upon registered land as against persons 12 other than the parties thereto, unless a full memorandum thereof, containing also a reference to the number of 13 14 certificate of title of the land affected is filed or recorded

each violation[-]; provided that \$1,000 of the fine shall be

- 18 identification number, or the last four digits only of the
- 19 social security number for persons, corporations, partnerships,

excise taxpayer identification number, the federal employer

20 or other entities against whom the judgment is rendered. If the

and registered. Except as otherwise provided, every judgment

shall contain or have endorsed on it the State of Hawaii general

21 judgment debtor has no social security number, State of Hawaii

- 1 general excise taxpayer identification number, or federal
- 2 employer identification number, or if that information is not in
- 3 the possession of the party seeking registration of the
- 4 judgment, the judgment shall be accompanied by a certificate
- 5 that provides that the information does not exist or is not in
- 6 the possession of the party seeking registration of the
- 7 judgment. Failure to disclose or disclosure of an incorrect
- 8 social security number, State of Hawaii general excise taxpayer
- 9 identification number, or federal employer identification number
- 10 shall not in any way adversely affect or impair the lien created
- 11 upon recording of the judgment. This section does not apply to
- 12 attachments, levies of execution, or to proceedings for the
- 13 probate of wills, or for administration in a probate court;
- 14 provided that in case notice of the pendency of the action has
- 15 been duly registered it is sufficient to register the judgment
- 16 in the action within sixty days after the rendition thereof.
- 17 As used in this chapter "judgment" includes an order or
- 18 decree having the effect of a judgment.
- 19 Notice of the pendency of an action in a United States
- 20 District Court, as well as a court of the State of Hawaii, may
- 21 be recorded.



- 1 Notice of opening a dispute resolution case as provided in
- 2 section 667-I may be recorded.
- 3 Foreclosure notice as provided in section 667-Q may be
- 4 recorded.
- 5 The party seeking registration of a judgment shall redact
- 6 the first five digits of any social security number by blocking
- 7 the numbers out on the copy of the judgment to be filed or
- 8 recorded."
- 9 SECTION 13. Section 514A-90, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:
- "(h) The amount of the special assessment assessed under
- 12 subsection (g) shall not exceed the total amount of unpaid
- 13 regular monthly common assessments that were assessed during the
- 14 [six] twelve months immediately preceding the completion of the
- 15 judicial or nonjudicial power of sale foreclosure. In no event
- 16 shall the amount of the special assessment exceed the sum of
- **17** [\$3,600."
- 18 SECTION 14. Section 514B-146, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 19 amended by amending subsection (h) to read as follows:
- 20 "(h) The amount of the special assessment assessed under
- 21 subsection (g) shall not exceed the total amount of unpaid



- 1 regular monthly common assessments that were assessed during the
- 2 [six] twelve months immediately preceding the completion of the
- 3 judicial or nonjudicial power of sale foreclosure. In no event
- 4 shall the amount of the special assessment exceed the sum of
- 5 [<del>\$3,600.</del>] \$7,200."
- 6 SECTION 15. Section 607-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 8 "(a) The fees prescribed by the schedule in this section
- 9 shall be paid to the clerk of the circuit court as costs of
- 10 court by the person instituting the action or proceeding, or
- 11 offering the paper for filing, or causing the document to be
- 12 issued or the services to be performed in the circuit court;
- 13 provided that nothing in the schedule shall apply to cases of
- 14 adults charged with commission of a crime, or to proceedings
- 15 under section 571-11(1), (2), or (9), [or] to proceedings under
- 16 chapter 333F or 334, [ox] to small estates [4]including
- 17 decedents' estates and protection of property of minors and
- 18 persons under disability[+] when the amount payable is fixed by
- 19 another statute[+], or to nonjudicial foreclosures converted to
- 20 judicial proceedings pursuant to section 667-U; and provided
- 21 further that the fees prescribed by subsection (c)(32) shall be

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- 1 deposited by the clerk of the circuit court into the judiciary
- 2 computer system special fund pursuant to section 601-3.7.
- For the purpose of this section, "judgment" includes a
- 4 decree and any order from which an appeal lies.
- 5 SCHEDULE
- In the application of this schedule, each case assigned a
- 7 new number or filed under the number previously assigned to a
- 8 probate, trust, guardianship, or conservatorship, shall carry a
- 9 fee for the institution or transfer of the action or proceeding
- 10 as prescribed by part I, and in addition the fees prescribed by
- 11 part II unless otherwise provided."
- 12 SECTION 16. Section 667-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 "§667-3 Proceeds, how applied. Mortgage and other
- 15 creditors shall be entitled to payment according to the priority
- 16 of their liens, and not pro rata; and judgments of foreclosure
- 17 and foreclosures by power of sale that are conducted in
- 18 compliance with this part and for which an affidavit is recorded
- 19 as required under section 667-5 shall operate to extinguish the
- 20 liens of subsequent mortgages and liens of the same property,
- 21 without forcing prior mortgagees or lienors to their right of

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2	shall be applied pro tanto to the next junior mortgage $[\tau]$ or
3	lien, and so on to the payment, wholly or in part, of mortgages
4	and liens junior to the one assessed."
5	SECTION 17. Section 667-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	"§667-5 Foreclosure under power of sale; notice; affidavit
8	after sale[+]; deficiency judgments. (a) When a power of sale
9	is contained in a mortgage, and where the mortgagee, the
10	mortgagee's successor in interest, or any person authorized by
11	the power to act in the premises, desires to foreclose under
12	power of sale upon breach of a condition of the mortgage, the
13	mortgagee, successor, or person shall be represented by an
14	attorney who is licensed to practice law in the State and is
15	physically located in the State. The attorney shall:
16	(1) Give notice of the mortgagee's, successor's, or
17	person's intention to foreclose the mortgage and of
18	the sale of the mortgaged property[, by] as follows:
19	(A) By serving, not less than twenty-one days before
20	the date of sale, written notice of intent to
21	foreclose on all persons entitled to notice under

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	chira pare in the same mainer as service of a
2	civil complaint under chapter 634 and the Hawaii
3	rules of civil procedure; provided that in the
4	case of nonjudicial foreclosure of a lien by an
5	association against a mortgagor who is not an
6	owner-occupant, the association shall mail the
7	notice by certified or registered mail, not less
8	than twenty-one days before the date of sale, to:
9	(i) The unit owner at the address shown in the
10	records of the association and, if
11	different, at the address of the unit being
12	foreclosed; and
13	(ii) All mortgage creditors whose names are known
14	or can be discovered by the association; and
15	(B) By publication of the notice once in each of
16	three successive weeks [4], constituting three
17	publications $[\frac{1}{2}]$ with the last publication to be
18	not less than fourteen days before the day of
19	sale, in a daily newspaper having [a] the largest
20	general circulation in the specific county in
21	which the mortgaged property lies; [and] provided

1		that for property located in a county with a
2		population of more than one hundred thousand but
3		less than three hundred thousand, the public
4		notice shall be published in the newspaper having
5		the largest circulation expressly in the eastern
6		or western half of the county, corresponding to
7		the location of the subject property;
8	(2)	Give notice of the mortgagor's right to elect to
9		participate in the mortgage foreclosure dispute
10		resolution program pursuant to section 667-E or to
11		convert the nonjudicial power of sale foreclosure to a
12		judicial foreclosure pursuant to section 667-U; and
13	[ <del>-(2)-</del> ]	(3) Give any notices and do all acts as [are]
14		authorized or required by the power contained in the
15		mortgage.
16	(b)	Copies of the notice required under subsection (a)
17	shall be:	
18	(1)	Filed with the state director of taxation; and
19	(2)	Posted on the premises not less than twenty-one days
20		before the day of sale.

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1	(c) Upon the request of any person entitled to notice
2	pursuant to this section and sections 667-5.5 and 667-6, the
3	attorney, the mortgagee, successor, or person represented by the
4	attorney shall disclose to the requestor the following
5	information:

- 6 (1) The amount to cure the default, together with the
  7 estimated amount of the foreclosing mortgagee's
  8 attorneys' fees and costs, and all other fees and
  9 costs estimated to be incurred by the foreclosing
  10 mortgagee related to the default prior to the auction
  11 within five business days of the request; and
  - (2) The sale price of the mortgaged property once auctioned.
- 14 (d) Any sale, of which notice has been given [as aforesaid, pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) may be postponed 15 16 from time to time by public announcement made by the mortgagee 17 or by [some] a person acting on the mortgagee's behalf. Upon 18 request made by any person who is entitled to notice pursuant to 19 section 667-5.5 or 667-6, or this section, the mortgagee or 20 person acting on the mortgagee's behalf shall provide the date 21 and time of a postponed auction, or if the auction is canceled,

- 1 information that the auction was canceled. The mortgagee,
- 2 within thirty days after selling the property in pursuance of
- 3 the power, shall file a copy of the notice of sale and the
- 4 mortgagee's affidavit, setting forth the mortgagee's acts in the
- 5 premises fully and particularly, in the bureau of conveyances.
- 6 (e) The mortgagee or other person, excluding an
- 7 association, who completes the nonjudicial foreclosure of a
- 8 mortgage or other lien on residential property pursuant to this
- 9 part shall not be entitled to pursue or obtain a deficiency
- 10 judgment against an owner-occupant of the residential property
- 11 who, at the time the notice of intent to foreclose is served,
- 12 does not have a fee simple or leasehold ownership interest in any
- 13 other real property.
- 14 Nothing in this section shall prohibit any other mortgagee
- 15 or person who holds a lien on the residential property subject to
- 16 the nonjudicial foreclosure, whose lien is subordinate to the
- 17 mortgage being foreclosed and is extinguished by the nonjudicial
- 18 foreclosure sale, from pursuing a monetary judgment against an
- 19 owner-occupant.
- 20 [(e) The] (f) Subject to the requirements of part ,
- 21 the affidavit and copy of the notice shall be recorded and



- 1 indexed by the registrar, in the manner provided in chapter 501
- 2 or 502, as the case may be.
- 3 [<del>(f)</del>] (g) This section is inapplicable if the mortgagee is
- 4 foreclosing as to personal property only."
- 5 SECTION 18. Section 667-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 "§667-5.5 Foreclosure notice[-]; planned communities;
- 8 condominiums; cooperative housing projects. Notwithstanding any
- 9 law or agreement to the contrary, any person who forecloses on a
- 10 property under this part within a planned community, a
- 11 condominium apartment or unit, or an apartment in a cooperative
- 12 housing project shall notify, by [way of] registered or
- 13 certified mail, the board of directors of the planned community
- 14 association, the association of owners of the condominium
- 15 project, or the cooperative housing project in which the
- 16 property to be foreclosed is located  $[\tau]$  of the foreclosure at
- 17 the time foreclosure proceedings are begun. The notice, at a
- 18 minimum, shall identify the property, condominium apartment or
- 19 unit, or cooperative apartment [which] that is the subject of
- 20 the foreclosure and identify the name or names of the person or
- 21 persons bringing foreclosure proceedings. This section shall

- 1 not apply [when] if the planned community association,
- 2 condominium association of owners, or cooperative housing
- 3 corporation is a party in a foreclosure action. This section
- 4 shall not affect civil proceedings against parties other than
- 5 the planned community association, association of owners, or
- 6 cooperative housing corporation."
- 7 SECTION 19. Section 667-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 "§667-10 Power unaffected by transfer; surplus after sale.
- 10 No sale or transfer by the mortgagor shall impair or annul any
- 11 right or power of attorney given in the mortgage to the
- 12 mortgagee to sell or transfer the mortgaged property, as
- 13 attorney or agent of the mortgagor, except as otherwise provided
- 14 by chapters 501 and 502. When public sale is made of the
- 15 mortgaged property under this [chapter,] part, the remainder of
- 16 the proceeds, if any, shall be paid over to the owner of the
- 17 mortgaged property, after deducting the amount of claim and all
- 18 expenses attending the same."
- 19 SECTION 20. Section 667-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 20 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- "(b) As used in this part:

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1	"Approved budget and credit counselor" means a budget and
2	credit counseling agency that has received approval from a
3	United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator to provide
4	instructional courses concerning personal financial management
5	pursuant to Title 11 United States Code, Section 111.
6	"Approved housing counselor" means a housing counseling
7	agency that has received approval from the United States
8	Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide housing
9	counseling services pursuant to Section 106(a)(2) of the Housing
10	and Urban Development Act of 1968, Title 12 United States Code,
11	Section 1701x.
12	"Association" has the same meaning as the term is defined
13	in section 514B-3.
14	"Borrower" means the borrower, maker, cosigner, or
15	guarantor under a mortgage agreement.
16	"Foreclosing mortgagee" means the mortgagee that intends to
17	conduct a power of sale foreclosure; provided that the mortgagee
18	is a federally insured bank, a federally insured savings and
19	loan association, a federally insured savings bank, a depository
20	financial services loan company, a nondepository financial
21	services loan company, a credit union insured by the National

- 1 Credit Union Administration, a bank holding company, a foreign
- 2 lender as defined in section 207-11, or an institutional
- 3 investor as defined in section 454-1.
- 4 Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, as used in
- 5 this part, a "foreclosing mortgagee" shall encompass all of the
- 6 following entities:
- 7 <u>(1)</u> The foreclosing mortgagee;
- 8 (2) Any person that has an ownership interest in the
- 9 promissory note on the mortgage agreement or a
- 10 security interest represented by the mortgage for the
- 11 subject property;
- 12 (3) Any mortgage servicer, who services the mortgage loan
- of the mortgagor; and
- 14 (4) The agents, employees, trustees, and representatives
- of a lender, the foreclosing mortgagee, a mortgagee,
- and a mortgage servicer.
- 17 "Mailed" means to be sent by regular mail, postage prepaid,
- 18 and by certified, registered, or express mail, postage prepaid
- 19 and return receipt requested.
- 20 "Mortgage" means a mortgage, security agreement, or other
- 21 document under which property is mortgaged, encumbered, pledged,

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- 1 or otherwise rendered subject to a lien for the purpose of
- 2 securing the payment of money or the performance of an
- 3 obligation.
- 4 "Mortgage agreement" includes the mortgage, the note or
- 5 debt document, or any document amending any of the foregoing.
- 6 "Mortgaged property" means the property that is subject to
- 7 the lien of the mortgage.
- 8 "Mortgagee" means the current holder of record of the
- 9 mortgagee's or the lender's interest under the mortgage, or the
- 10 current mortgagee's or lender's duly authorized agent.
- 11 "Mortgagor" means the mortgagor or borrower named in the
- 12 mortgage and, unless the context otherwise indicates, includes
- 13 the current owner of record of the mortgaged property whose
- 14 interest is subject to the mortgage.
- 15 "Nonjudicial foreclosure" means foreclosure under power of
- 16 sale.
- "Open house" means a public showing of the mortgaged
- 18 property during a scheduled time period.
- 19 "Owner-occupant" means a person, at the time that a notice
- 20 of default and intention to foreclose is served on the mortgagor
- 21 under the power of sale:



1	<u>(1)</u>	Who owns an interest in the residential property, and
2		the interest is encumbered by the mortgage being
3		foreclosed; and
4	(2)	For whom the residential property is and has been the
5		person's primary residence for a continuous period of
6		not less than two hundred days immediately preceding
7		the date on which the notice is served.
8	"Pow	er of sale" or "power of sale foreclosure" means a
9	nonjudici	al foreclosure under this part when the mortgage
10	contains,	authorizes, permits, or provides for a power of sale,
11	a power o	f sale foreclosure, a power of sale remedy, or a
12	nonjudici	al foreclosure.
13	"Pro	perty" means property (real, personal, or mixed), an
14	interest	in property (including fee simple, leasehold, life
15	estate, r	eversionary interest, and any other estate under
16	applicable	e law), or other interests that can be subject to the
17	lien of a	mortgage.
18	"Rec	ord" or "recorded" means a document is recorded or
19	filed wit	h the office of the assistant registrar of the land
20	court und	er chapter 501 or recorded with the registrar of
21	conveyance	es under chapter 502, or both, as applicable.

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1	"Residential property" means real property that is improved
2	and used for residential purposes.
3	"Served" means to have service of the notice of default and
4	intention to foreclose made in accordance with the service of
5	process or the service of summons under the Hawaii rules of
6	civil procedure, and under sections 634-35 and 634-36."
7	SECTION 21. Section 667-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to read as follows:
9	"§667-22 Notice of default[+] and intention to foreclose;
10	contents; distribution. (a) When the mortgagor or the borrower
11	has breached the mortgage agreement, and when the foreclosing
12	mortgagee intends to conduct a power of sale foreclosure under
13	this part, the foreclosing mortgagee shall prepare a written
14	notice of default and intention to foreclose addressed to the
15	mortgagor, the borrower, and any guarantor. The notice of
16	default and intention to foreclose shall state:
17	(1) The name and address of the current mortgagee;
18	(2) The name and last known address of [the mortgagor, the
19	borrower, all mortgagors, borrowers, and any
20	[ <del>guarantor;</del> ] guarantors;

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1	(3)	The address or a description of the location of the
2		mortgaged property, [and] the tax map key number, and
3		the certificate of title or transfer certificate of
4		title number if within the jurisdiction of the land
5		court, of the mortgaged property;
6	(4)	The description of the default[, and] or, if the
7		default is a monetary default, an itemization of the
8		delinquent amount [shall-be-given];
9	(5)	The action [that must be taken] required to cure the
10		default[7] including the <u>delinquent</u> amount [to cure
11		the default, together with] and the estimated amount
12		of the foreclosing mortgagee's attorney's fees and
13		costs, and all other fees and costs related to the
14		default estimated to be incurred by the foreclosing
15		mortgagee [related to the default] by the deadline
16		date;
17	(6)	The date by which the default must be cured, which
18		[deadline date] shall be at least sixty days after the
19		date of the notice of default[+] and intention to
20		foreclose;

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1	(7)	[That] A statement that if the default is not cured by
2		the deadline date stated in the notice of default[ $_{7}$ ]
3		and intention to foreclose, the entire unpaid balance
4		of the moneys owed to the mortgagee under the mortgage
5		agreement will [be] become due, that the mortgagee
6		intends to conduct a power of sale foreclosure to sell
7		the mortgaged property at a public sale without any
8		court action and without going to court, and that the
9	·	mortgagee or any other person may acquire the
10		mortgaged property at the public sale; [and]
11	(8)	The name, address, [including] electronic address, and
12		telephone number of the attorney who is representing
13		the foreclosing mortgagee; provided that the attorney
14		shall be licensed to practice law in the State and
15	•	physically located in the State[-]; and
16	(9)	Notice of the right of the owner-occupant to elect to
17		participate in any other process as established by
18		law.
19	(d)	The notice of default and intention to foreclose shall
20	also conta	ain wording substantially similar to the following in

1	all capital letters[+] and printed in not less than fourteen-
2	<pre>point font:</pre>
3	"IF THE DEFAULT ON THE LOAN CONTINUES AFTER THE
4	DEADLINE DATE IN THIS NOTICE, THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY
5	MAY BE FORECLOSED AND SOLD WITHOUT ANY COURT ACTION
6	AND WITHOUT GOING TO COURT.
7	YOU MAY HAVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS OR DEFENSES.
8	FOR ADVICE, YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY
9	LICENSED IN THIS STATE.
10	AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE IN THIS NOTICE, TWO
11	PUBLIC SHOWINGS (OPEN HOUSES) OF THE PROPERTY BY THE
. 12	LENDER WILL BE HELD, BUT ONLY IF ALL MORTGAGORS
13	(OWNERS) OF THE PROPERTY WHO ALSO CURRENTLY RESIDE AT
14	THE PROPERTY SO AGREE. TO SHOW THAT ALL OWNERS
15	RESIDING AT THE PROPERTY AGREE TO ALLOW TWO OPEN
16	HOUSES BY THE LENDER, [ALL OWNERS] THEY MUST SIGN A
17	LETTER SHOWING THEY AGREE. [ALL OWNERS MUST-SEND] THE
18	SIGNED LETTER MUST BE SENT TO THIS OFFICE AT THE
19	ADDRESS GIVEN IN THIS NOTICE.
20	THIS OFFICE MUST ACTUALLY RECEIVE THE SIGNED
21	LETTER BY THE DEADLINE DATE IN THIS NOTICE. THE

		SIGNED DELIER MOST RE SENT TO THIS OFFICE BY CERTIFIED
2		MAIL, REGISTERED MAIL, OR EXPRESS MAIL, POSTAGE
3		PREPAID AND RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.
4		IF THE SIGNED LETTER IS NOT RECEIVED BY THIS
5		OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE DATE, THE PROPERTY WILL THEN BE
6		SOLD WITHOUT ANY OPEN HOUSES BEING HELD.
7		EVEN IF THIS OFFICE RECEIVES THE SIGNED LETTER TO
8		ALLOW THE LENDER TO HOLD TWO OPEN HOUSES OF THE
9		PROPERTY, IF ALL OWNERS LATER DO NOT COOPERATE TO
10		ALLOW THE OPEN HOUSES, THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD
11		WITHOUT ANY OPEN HOUSES BEING HELD.
12		ALL FUTURE NOTICES AND CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE
13		MAILED TO YOU AT THE ADDRESS AT WHICH YOU RECEIVED
14		THIS NOTICE UNLESS YOU SEND WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS TO
15		THIS OFFICE INFORMING THIS OFFICE OF A DIFFERENT
16		ADDRESS. THE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE SENT TO
17		THIS OFFICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL, REGISTERED MAIL, OR
18		EXPRESS MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID AND RETURN RECEIPT
19		REQUESTED."
20	(c)	The notice of default and intention to foreclose shall
21	include a	
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1	(1)	The original mortgage agreement, and copies of any
2		subsequent mortgage agreements and assignments;
3	(2)	The promissory note signed by the mortgagor and any
4		endorsements and allonges on the note; and
5	(3)	Any other documents that amend or alter the terms of
6		the original mortgage agreement that were signed by
7		the mortgagor and the mortgagee or any successors or
8		assigns of the mortgagor or the mortgagee.
9	(d)	The notice of default and intention to foreclose shall
10	also inclu	ude contact information for local approved housing
11	counselor	s and approved budget and credit counselors.
12	· [ <del>(c)</del> ]	(e) The foreclosing mortgagee shall have the notice
13	of default	and intention to foreclose served on:
14	(1)	The mortgagor and the borrower[+] in the same manner
15		as service of a civil complaint under chapter 634 or
16		the Hawaii rules of civil procedure, as they may be
17		amended from time to time;
18	(2)	Any prior or junior creditors [having] who have a
19		recorded lien on the mortgaged property before the
20		recordation of the notice of default and intention to
21		foreclose under section 667-23;

1	(3)	The state director of taxation;
2	(4)	The director of finance of the county where the
3		mortgaged property is located; [and]
4	(5)	The department of commerce and consumer affairs, by
5		filing the notice with the department when required;
6		and
7	[ <del>-(5)</del> ]	(6) Any other person entitled to receive notice under
8		[section 667-5.5.] this part.
9	<u>(f)</u>	As used in this part, unless the context clearly
10	indicates	otherwise, the notice of default and intention to
11	foreclose	shall also include any amended notice that results
12	from parti	icipation in the mortgage foreclosure dispute
13	resolution	n program under part ."
14	SECTI	ION 22. Section 667-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15	amended to	read as follows:
16	" [+] "	667-23[+] Recordation of notice of default[+] and
17	intention	to foreclose. Before the deadline date in the notice
18	of default	$[\tau]$ and intention to foreclose, the notice $[\Theta]$
19	default] s	shall be recorded in a recordable form [shall be
20	recorded]	in a manner similar to recordation of notices of
21	pendency o	of action under section 501-151 or section 634-51, or

- 1 both, as applicable. The recorded notice of default and
- 2 intention to foreclose shall have the same effect as a notice of
- 3 pendency of action. From and after the recordation of the
- 4 notice of default[7] and intention to foreclose, any person who
- 5 becomes a purchaser or encumbrancer of the mortgaged property
- 6 shall be deemed to have constructive notice of the power of sale
- 7 foreclosure and shall be bound by the foreclosure."
- 8 SECTION 23. Section 667-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 "[+]§667-24[+] Cure of default. (a) If the default is
- 11 cured as required by the notice of default  $[\tau]$  and intention to
- 12 foreclose, or if the parties have reached a settlement document,
- 13 the foreclosing mortgagee shall rescind the notice of default [-]
- 14 and intention to foreclose. Within fourteen days of the date of
- 15 the cure  $[\tau]$  or a settlement document reached by the parties, the
- 16 foreclosing mortgagee shall so notify any person who was served
- 17 with the notice of default [-] and intention to foreclose. If
- 18 the notice of default and intention to foreclose was recorded, a
- 19 release of the notice of default and intention to foreclose
- 20 shall be recorded.

1	(b) If the default is not cured as required by the notice
2	of default[7] and intention to foreclose, the parties have not
3	reached a settlement document pursuant to part and no
4	report of noncompliance has been issued against the mortgagee
5	under section 667-L, and the mortgagor has not elected to
6	convert the foreclosure to a judicial action, the foreclosing
7	mortgagee, without filing a court action and without going to
8	court, may foreclose the mortgage under power of sale to sell
9	the mortgaged property at a public sale."
10	SECTION 24. Section 667-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11	amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
12	"(b) The public sale of the mortgaged property shall be
13	held only in the county where the mortgaged property is
14	located[. However, if the borrower, the mortgagor, and the
15	foreclosing mortgagee all agree in writing, the public sale may
16	be held in a different county in the State.]; provided that the
17	public sale shall be held only on grounds or at facilities under
18	the administration of the State, as follows:
19	(1) At the state capitol, for a public sale of mortgaged
20	property located in the city and county of Honolulu:

1	(2)	At a state facility in Hilo, for a public sale of
2		mortgaged property located in the eastern portion of
3		the county of Hawaii;
4	(3)	At a state facility in Kailua-Kona, for a public sale
5		of mortgaged property located in the western portion
6		of the county of Hawaii;
7	(4)	At a state facility in the county seat of Maui, for a
8		public sale of mortgaged property located in the
9		county of Maui; and
10	(5)	At a state facility in the county seat of Kauai, for a
11		public sale of mortgaged property located in the
12		county of Kauai;
13	as design	ated by the department of accounting and general
14	services;	provided further that no public sale shall be held on
15	grounds o	r at facilities under the administration of the
16	judiciary	. The public sale shall be held during business hours
17	on a busi	ness day."
18	SECT	ION 25. Section 667-26, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
20	" (a)	If the default is not cured as stated in the notice
21	of defaul	$t[_{7}]$ and intention to foreclose, the foreclosing

- 1 mortgagee shall conduct two open houses of the mortgaged
- 2 property before the public sale; provided that the foreclosing
- 3 mortgagee timely received the signed letter of agreement from
- 4 the mortgagor as required by the notice of default[-] and
- 5 intention to foreclose. Only two open houses shall be required
- 6 even if the date of the public sale is postponed."
- 7 SECTION 26. Section 667-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 8 amended as follows:
- 9 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:
- 10 "(a) The foreclosing mortgagee shall prepare the public
- 11 notice of the public sale. The public notice shall state:
- 12 (1) The date, time, and place of the public sale;
- 13 (2) The dates and times of the two open houses of the
- mortgaged property, or if there will not [to] be any
- open houses, the public notice shall so state;
- 16 (3) The unpaid balance of the moneys owed to the mortgagee
- under the mortgage agreement;
- 18 (4) A description of the mortgaged property, including the
- 19 address [or description of the location of the
- 20 mortgaged property, and the tax map key number of the
- 21 mortgaged property;

1	(5)	The name of the mortgagor and the borrower;
2	(6)	The name of the foreclosing mortgagee;
3	(7)	The name of any prior or junior creditors having a
4		recorded lien on the mortgaged property before the
5		recordation of the notice of default and intention to
6		foreclose under section 667-23;
7	(8)	The name, the address in the State, and the telephone
8		number in the State of the person in the State
9		conducting the public sale; [and]
10	(9)	The terms and conditions of the public sale[-]; and
11	(10)	An estimate of the opening bid."
12	2. 1	By amending subsections (c) and (d) to read:
13	"(c)	If the default is not cured as required by the notice
14	of default	$t[_{7}]$ and intention to foreclose, the foreclosing
15	mortgagee	shall have a copy of the public notice of the public
16	sale of th	ne mortgaged property:
17	(1)	Mailed or delivered to the mortgagor and the borrower
18		at their respective last known addresses;
19	(2)	Mailed or delivered to any prior or junior creditors
20		having a recorded lien on the mortgaged property

_		before the recordation of the notice of default and
2		intention to foreclose under section 667-23;
3	(3)	Mailed or delivered to the state director of taxation;
4	(4)	Mailed or delivered to the director of finance of the
5		county where the mortgaged property is located;
6	(5)	Posted on the mortgaged property or on such other real
7		property of which the mortgaged property is a part;
8		and
9	(6)	Mailed or delivered to any other person entitled to
10	•	receive notice under section 667-5.5[+] or 667-S.
11	(d)	The foreclosing mortgagee shall have the public notice
12	of the pu	blic sale printed in not less than seven-point font and
13	published	in the classified section of a daily newspaper [of]
14	having the	e largest general circulation specifically in the
15	county who	ere the mortgaged property is located [-]; provided that
16	for prope	rty located in a county with a population of more than
17	one hundre	ed thousand but less than three hundred thousand, the
18	public no	tice shall be published in the newspaper having the
19	largest g	eneral circulation specifically in the western or
20	eastern h	alf of the county, as the case may be, in which the
21	property	is located. The public notice shall be published once

- 1 each week for three consecutive weeks [+], constituting three
- 2 publications[+]. The public sale shall take place no sooner
- 3 than fourteen days after the date of the publication of the
- 4 third public notice advertisement."
- 5 SECTION 27. Section 667-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 "\$667-28 Postponement, cancellation of sale. (a) The
- 8 public sale may be either postponed or canceled by the
- 9 foreclosing mortgagee. Notice of the postponement or the
- 10 cancellation of the public sale shall be[ $\div$
- 11 (1) Announced announced by the foreclosing mortgagee at
- the date, time, and place of the last scheduled public
- sale[<del>+ and</del>
- 14 (2) Provided, upon request, to any other-person-who is
- 15 entitled to receive the notice of default under
- 16 section 667-22 (c)].
- 17 (b) If there is a postponement of the public sale of the
- 18 mortgaged property, a new public notice of the public sale shall
- 19 be published once in the format described in section 667-27.
- 20 The new public notice shall state that it is a notice of a
- 21 postponed sale. The public sale shall take place no sooner than



- 1 fourteen days after the date of the publication of the new
- 2 public notice. [No sooner] Not less than fourteen days before
- 3 the date of the public sale, a copy of the new public notice
- 4 shall be posted on the mortgaged property or on [such other]
- 5 another real property of which the mortgaged property is a part,
- ${f 6}$  and it shall be mailed or delivered to the mortgagor, to the
- 7 borrower, and to any other person entitled to receive notice
- **8** under section [<del>667-27.</del>] 667-22(e).
- 9 (c) Upon the fourth postponement of every series of four
- 10 consecutive postponements, the foreclosing mortgagee shall
- 11 follow all of the public notice of public sale requirements of
- 12 section 667-27, including the requirements of mailing and
- 13 posting under section 667-27(c) and of publication under section
- 14 667-27 (d).
- 15 [<del>(c)</del>] (d) The default under the mortgage agreement may be
- 16 cured no later than three business days before the date of the
- 17 public sale of the mortgaged property by paying the entire
- 18 amount which would be owed to the foreclosing mortgagee if the
- 19 payments under the mortgage agreement had not been accelerated,
- 20 plus the foreclosing mortgagee's attorney's fees and costs, and
- 21 all other fees and costs incurred by the foreclosing mortgagee

1 related to the default, unless otherwise agreed to between the 2 foreclosing mortgagee and the borrower. There is no right to 3 cure the default or any right of redemption after that time. If 4 the default is so cured, the public sale shall be canceled." 5 SECTION 28. Section 667-29, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 6 amended to read as follows: 7 "[+]§667-29[+] Authorized bidder; successful bidder. 8 person, including the foreclosing mortgagee, shall be authorized 9 to bid for the mortgaged property at the public sale and to 10 purchase the mortgaged property. The highest bidder who meets 11 the requirements of the terms and conditions of the public sale 12 shall be the successful bidder. The public sale shall be 13 considered as being held when the mortgaged property is declared 14 by the foreclosing mortgagee as being sold to the successful 15 bidder. When the public sale is held, the successful bidder at 16 the public sale, as the purchaser, shall make a nonrefundable 17 downpayment to the foreclosing mortgagee of not less than ten 18 per cent of the highest successful bid price. If the successful 19 bidder is the foreclosing mortgagee or any other mortgagee **20** having a recorded lien on the mortgaged property before the 21 recordation of the notice of default and intention to foreclose

- 1 under section 667-23, the downpayment requirement may be
- 2 satisfied by offset and a credit bid up to the amount of the
- 3 mortgage debt."
- 4 SECTION 29. Section 667-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 5 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:
- 6 "(a) After the purchaser completes the purchase by paying
- 7 the full purchase price and the costs for the purchase, the
- 8 mortgaged property shall be conveyed to the purchaser by a
- 9 conveyance document. The conveyance document shall be in a
- 10 recordable form and shall be signed by the foreclosing mortgagee
- 11 in the foreclosing mortgagee's name. The mortgagor or borrower
- 12 shall not be required to sign the conveyance document [on his or
- 13 her own behalf].
- (b) From the sale proceeds, after paying all liens and
- 15 encumbrances in the order of priority as a matter of law, after
- 16 paying the foreclosing mortgagee's attorney's fees and costs,
- 17 after paying the fees and costs of the power of sale
- 18 foreclosure, and after paying the moneys owed to the foreclosing
- 19 mortgagee, the balance of the sale proceeds shall be distributed
- 20 by the foreclosing mortgagee to junior creditors having valid
- 21 liens on the mortgaged property in the order of their priority



1	and not p	ro rata. Any remaining surplus after payment in full		
2	of all va	lid lien creditors shall be distributed to the		
3	mortgagor	mortgagor."		
4	SECT	ION 30. Section 667-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
5	amended t	o read as follows:		
6	"[+]	§667-32[] Affidavit after public sale; contents. (a)		
7	After the	public sale is held, the foreclosing mortgagee shall		
8	sign an a	ffidavit under penalty of perjury:		
9	(1)	Stating that the power of sale foreclosure was made		
10		pursuant to the power of sale provision in the		
11		mortgage;		
12	(2)	Stating that the power of sale foreclosure was		
13		conducted as required by this part;		
14	(3)	Summarizing what was done by the foreclosing		
15		mortgagee;		
16	(4)	Attaching a copy of the recorded notice of default[7]		
17		and intention to foreclose;		
18	(5)	Attaching a copy of the last public notice of the		
19		public sale[+];		

1	(6)	Referencing the document number of the affiliate
2		statement filed at the bureau of conveyances as
3		required under section 667-AA; and
4	<u>(7)</u>	Stating the date of filing and any relevant
5		referencing information assigned by the division of
6		financial institutions to the statement filed with the
7		commissioner of financial institutions of the mortgage
8		servicer affiliate statement as required under section
9		454M-5(a)(4)(F).
10	(b)	The recitals in the affidavit required under
11	subsection	n (a) may, but need not, be substantially in the
12	following	form:
13	"(1)	I am duly authorized to represent or act on behalf of
14		(name of mortgagee) ("foreclosing
15		mortgagee") regarding the following power of sale
16		foreclosure. I am signing this affidavit in
17		accordance with the alternate power of sale
18		foreclosure law (Chapter 667, Part II, Hawaii Revised
19		Statutes);
20	(2)	The foreclosing mortgagee is a "foreclosing mortgagee"
21		as defined in the power of sale foreclosure law;

1	(3)	The power of sale foreclosure is of a mortgage made by	
2		(name of mortgagor)	
3		("mortgagor"), dated, and recorded in the	
4		(bureau of conveyances or office of	
5		the assistant registrar of the land court) as	
6		(recordation information). The	
7		mortgaged property is located at:	
8		(address or description of	
9		location) and is identified by tax map key number:	
10		The legal description of the mortgaged	
11		property is attached as Exhibit "A". The name of the	
12		borrower, if different from the mortgagor, is	
13		("borrower");	
14	(4)	Pursuant to the power of sale provision of the	
15		mortgage, the power of sale foreclosure was conducted	
16		as required by the power of sale foreclosure law. The	
17		following is a summary of what was done:	
18		(A) A notice of default and intention to foreclose	
19		was served on the mortgagor, the borrower, and	
20		the following person: The	
21		notice of default and intention to foreclose was	

1		served on the following date and in the following
2	·	manner: ;
3	(B)	The date of the notice of default and intention
4		to foreclose was (date). The deadline
5		in the notice for curing the default was
6		(date), which deadline date was at
7		least sixty days after the date of the notice;
8	(C)	The notice of default and intention to foreclose
9		was recorded before the deadline date in the
10		(bureau of conveyances or office
11		of the assistant registrar of the land court).
12		The notice was recorded on (date) as
13	•	document no A copy of the recorded
14		notice is attached as Exhibit "1";
15	(D)	The default was not cured by the deadline date in
16		the notice of default[+] and intention to
17		foreclose;
18	(E)	A public notice of the public sale was initially
19		published in the classified section of the
20		, a daily newspaper of
21		general circulation in the county where the

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1	(G)	The public notice of the public sale was posted
2		on the mortgaged property or on such other real
3		property of which the mortgaged property is a
4		part on (date). That date was at
5		least sixty days before the date of the public
6		sale;
7	(H)	Two public showings (open houses) of the
8		mortgaged property were held (or were not held
9		because the mortgagor did not cooperate);
10	(I)	A public sale of the mortgaged property was held
11		on a business day during business hours on:
12		(date), at (time), at the
13		following location: The
14		highest successful bidder was
15		(name) with the highest
16		successful bid price of \$; and
17	(J)	At the time the public sale was held, the default
18		was not cured and there was no circuit court
19		foreclosure action pending in the circuit where
20		the mortgaged property is located;
21	and	

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- This affidavit is signed under penalty of perjury."" 1 (5) 2
- SECTION 31. Section 667-37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 3 amended to read as follows:
- "[+]§667-37[+] Judicial action of foreclosure before 4
- public sale. This part shall not prohibit the borrower, the 5
- foreclosing mortgagee, or any other creditor having a recorded 6
- lien on the mortgaged property before the recordation of the 7
- 8 notice of default under section 667-23, from filing an action
- for the judicial foreclosure of the mortgaged property in the 9
- circuit court of the circuit where the mortgaged property is 10
- located[ ; provided that the action is filed-before the public 11
- 12 sale-is held. While that circuit court foreclosure action is
- pending, the power of sale forcelosure process shall be 13
- 14 stayed]."
- SECTION 32. Section 667-39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 15
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- "[+]§667-39[+] Right to enforce this part. (a) The 17
- foreclosing mortgagee, any other creditor having a recorded lien 18
- on the mortgaged property before the recordation of the notice 19
- of default and intention to foreclose under section 667-23, the 20
- borrower, and the mortgagor, may enforce this part by bringing 21

- 1 an action in the circuit court of the circuit where the
- 2 mortgaged property is located.
- 3 (b) The remedies provided in this part are cumulative and
- 4 shall not abridge the right of a party to bring an action under
- 5 any other law, including sections 454M-9 and 480-2."
- 6 SECTION 33. Section 667-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 "[+]§667-41[+] Public information requirement. [All]
- 9 Beginning on September 1, 2011, all financial institutions,
- 10 mortgagees, lenders, business entities and organizations without
- 11 limitation, and persons, who intend to use the power of sale
- 12 foreclosure under this part, under the conditions required by
- 13 this part, shall also develop informational materials to educate
- 14 and inform borrowers and mortgagors. These materials shall be
- made available to the public[7] and provided to the mortgagors
- 16 of all mortgage agreements entered into, including the borrowers
- 17 at the time of application for a mortgage or loan, or other
- 18 contract containing a power of sale foreclosure provision.
- 19 These materials, among other things, shall inform the borrower
- 20 that the financial institution and other business entities and
- 21 persons who are authorized under this part to exercise the power

1 of sale foreclosure, in the event of the borrower's default, have the option of pursuing either a judicial or nonjudicial 2 foreclosure as provided by law. These informational materials 3 shall fully and completely explain these remedies[-] in simple 4 5 and understandable terms." 6 SECTION 34. Section 667-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 7 repealed. 8 ["[\$667-34] Foreclosure sale; conclusive presumptions. 9 Unless an appeal is taken as set forth in section 667-35, any 10 foreclosure sale held in accordance with this part shall be 11 conclusively-presumed to have been conducted in a legal, fair, 12 and reasonable manner. The sale price shall be conclusively 13 presumed to be reasonable and equal to the fair market value of 14 the property based on the circumstances and on the economic 15 conditions at the time of the sale. The statements in the 16 recorded affidavit shall be conclusive evidence as to the facts 17 stated therein for any purpose, in any court and in any 18 proceeding, and in favor of bona fide purchasers and 19 encumbrancers for value without notice. The purchaser of the 20 mortgaged property shall be conclusively presumed to be a bona

fide purchaser. Encumbrancers for value include liens placed by

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lenders who provide the purchaser with purchase money in
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     exchange for a mortgage or other security interest in the newly
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     conveyed property."]
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          SECTION 35. Section 667-35, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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     repealed.
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          ["<del>[$667-35] Appeal to circuit court. The borrower, the</del>
     mortgagor, and any creditor having a recorded lien on the
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     mortgaged property before the recordation of the notice of
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    default under section 667-23, shall have the right to file an
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    appeal in the circuit court where the mortgaged property is
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    located to contest the presumptions set forth in section 667-34,
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    and the statements contained in the affidavit required by
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    section-667-32. No appeal shall be filed later than thirty days
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    after the recordation of the affidavit. Failure to timely
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    appeal shall-result in the statements in the affidavit and the
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    presumptions set forth in section 667-34 becoming conclusive in
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    accordance with the terms of that section."]
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         SECTION 36. Section 667-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    repealed.
         ["<del>[$667-42] - Application of this part. The requirements of</del>
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    this part shall apply only to new mortgages, loans, agreements,
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1	and cone	facts containing power of sale foreclosure language	
2	executed	-by the borrowers or mortgagors after July 1, 1999."]	
3	SEC	TION 37. On the effective date of this Act, there shall	
4	be a pha	se-in period ending on August 15, 2011, in which any	
5	owner-occupant, as defined under section 667-21(b), Hawaii		
6	Revised S	Statutes, who is undergoing a nonjudicial foreclosure	
7	for which	n the mortgagee's affidavit has not yet been filed	
8	pursuant to sections 667-5 or 667-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes,		
9	may elect to convert to a judicial foreclosure under section 5		
10	of this A	act. An owner-occupant who elects to convert a	
11	nonjudicial foreclosure to a judicial foreclosure during the		
12	phase-in	period:	
13	(1)	Shall submit with the petition and filing fee as	
14		required under sections 667-U and 667-V, Hawaii	
15		Revised Statutes, copies of any foreclosure notices	
16		received from the mortgagee and published notices of	
17		the public sale made pursuant to section 667-5 or 667-	
18		27, Hawaii Revised Statutes;	
19	(2)	Shall not be subject to the deadline described in	
20		section 667-U(a)(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and	

1 Shall submit a filing fee of \$300, in lieu of the \$525 2 filing fee required under section 667-U(a)(6), Hawaii 3 Revised Statutes; provided further that the requirements of section 667-W, Hawaii 4 Revised Statutes, shall not be applicable to the foreclosing 5 6 mortgagee. SECTION 38. There is appropriated out of the compliance 7 resolution fund established under section 26-9(o), Hawaii 8 Revised Statutes, the sum of \$400,000, or so much thereof as may 9 be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012, to be deposited into the 10 mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution special fund established 11 under section 667-P, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as seed capital; 12 provided that upon receipt of sufficient moneys to accomplish 13 its purpose, the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution special 14 fund shall reimburse the compliance resolution fund for the 15 16 appropriation made pursuant to this Act. 17 SECTION 39. There is appropriated out of the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution special fund, established under 18 section 667-P, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$1,850,000, 19 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 20 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for 21

- 1 fiscal year 2012-2013 for all expenses of the mortgage
- 2 foreclosure dispute resolution program, including the hiring of
- 3 one full-time program specialist exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii
- 4 Revised Statutes, and one full-time office assistant exempt from
- 5 chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in the division of
- 6 administrative hearings, department of commerce and consumer
- 7 affairs, to carry out the purposes of this Act, and for the
- 8 reimbursement of the compliance resolution fund of the amount
- 9 appropriated as seed capital to the mortgage foreclosure dispute
- 10 resolution special fund established under section 667-P, Hawaii
- 11 Revised Statutes.
- 12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
- 13 of commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.
- 14 SECTION 40. There shall be a moratorium on all new
- 15 nonjudicial foreclosure actions under part I of chapter 667,
- 16 Hawaii Revised Statutes, for property located in this State to
- 17 begin on the effective date of this Act and to end on July 1,
- 18 2012. No foreclosure by power of sale pursuant to section
- 19 667-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be initiated and the
- 20 registrar of the bureau of conveyances shall not record an
- 21 affidavit or notice of sale pursuant to section 667-5, Hawaii

- 1 Revised Statutes, for a power of sale foreclosure under section
- 2 667-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, initiated during the moratorium
- 3 period established by this Act.
- 4 SECTION 41. The department of commerce and consumer
- 5 affairs shall submit a report to the legislature no later than
- 6 twenty days before the convening of the regular sessions of 2012
- 7 and 2013 on the operations and outcomes of the mortgage
- 8 foreclosure dispute resolution program established by section 1
- 9 of this Act, including recommendations for further legislation
- 10 if necessary for the efficient operation of the program.
- 11 SECTION 42. In codifying the new sections added by
- 12 sections 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Act, the revisor of statutes
- 13 shall substitute appropriate section numbers for the letters
- 14 used in designating the new sections in this Act.
- 15 SECTION 43. If any provision of this Act, or the
- 16 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held
- 17 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
- 18 applications of the Act, which can be given effect without the
- 19 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
- 20 of this Act are severable.

1	SECTION 44. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed		
2	and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.		
3	SECT	'ION 45. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;	
4	provided	that:	
5	(1)	The mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program	
6		established by section 1 of this Act shall be	
7		operative no later than October 1, 2011;	
8	(2)	Sections 1, 13, and 14 shall be repealed on	
9		September 30, 2014, and sections 514A-90(h) and	
10		514B-146(h), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be	
11		reenacted in the form in which they read on the day	
12		before the effective date of this Act;	
13	. (3)	Section 10 shall take effect on July 1, 2012;	
14	(4)	Section 5 shall be repealed on December 31, 2012;	
15	(5)	Section 7 shall be repealed on September 30, 2014, and	
16		section 26-9(o), Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be	
17		reenacted in the form in which it read on the day	
18		before the effective date of this Act; and	
19	(6)	Upon the repeal of section 1, all moneys remaining in	
20		the mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution special	
21		fund established under section 667-P, Hawaii Revised	

1	Statutes, shall be transferred to the compliance
2	resolution fund established under section 26-9(o),
3	Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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#### Report Title:

Mortgage Foreclosures; Appropriation

#### Description:

Implements recommendations of the mortgage foreclosure task force by establishing a temporary mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution program; authorizing conversion from nonjudicial to judicial foreclosure; amending sections relating to mortgage servicers; and amending the nonjudicial foreclosure process. Establishes mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution special fund. Makes an appropriation out of the compliance resolution fund. (CD1)

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