HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO PERFORM A FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

WHEREAS, the State Constitution states that "All eligible public officers, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as to best of my ability;" and

WHEREAS, in performing their job duties, the administration and management of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), as well as the agencies and groups under their purview, are bound to follow the laws and administrative rules of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the DCCA has recently accepted a sub-standard internal audit from an agency under their purview and the total cost of this alleged sub-standard audit amounted to \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, a financial and performance audit would assure the State and the public that these funds are being spent appropriately and that financial accountability is transparent in both quasi-governmental and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, section 23-5(a), HRS, authorizes the state Auditor to examine and inspect all accounts, books, records, files, papers, and documents, and all financial affairs of every covered department, office agency, and political subdivision and under section 23-1, HRS, the State Auditor's jurisdiction includes quasi-public institutions supported in whole or in part by, or that handle, state or public funds; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to perform a financial and performance audit of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the DCCA is requested to cooperate fully with the Auditor in the conduct of the financial and performance audit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit the results of the financial and performance audit, including any necessary proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Attorney General, and Director of DCCA.

OFFERED BY:

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