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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 421J, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding five new sections to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "\$421J-A General powers of the regulated industries
- 5 complaints office. The regulated industries complaints office
- 6 may conduct investigations, issue cease and desist orders, and
- 7 bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin
- 8 persons, consistent with sections 421J-B, 421J-C, 421J-D, and
- 9 421J-E.
- 10 §421J-B Investigative powers. If the regulated industries
- 11 complaints office has reason to believe that any person is
- 12 violating or has violated section 421J-7, the regulated
- 13 industries complaints office may conduct an investigation of the
- 14 matter and examine the books, accounts, contracts, records, and
- 15 files of all relevant parties.
- 16 §421J-C Cease and desist orders. (a) In addition to its
- 17 authority under section 421J-D, whenever the regulated



- 1 industries complaints office has reason to believe that any
- 2 person is violating or has violated section 421J-7, it may issue
- 3 and serve upon the person a complaint stating its charges in
- 4 that respect and containing a notice of a hearing at a stated
- 5 place and upon a day at least thirty days after the service of
- 6 the complaint. The person served has the right to appear at the
- 7 place and time specified and show cause why an order should not
- 8 be entered by the regulated industries complaints office
- 9 requiring the person to cease and desist from the violation of
- 10 the law charged in the complaint.
- 11 (b) If the regulated industries complaints office finds
- 12 that section 421J-7 has been or is being violated, it shall make
- 13 a report in writing stating its findings as to the facts and
- 14 shall issue and cause to be served on the person an order
- 15 requiring the person to cease and desist from the violations.
- 16 The person, within thirty days after service upon the person of
- 17 the report or order, may obtain a review thereof in the
- 18 appropriate circuit court.
- 19 §421J-D Power to enjoin. Whenever the regulated
- 20 industries complaints office believes from satisfactory evidence
- 21 that any person has violated section 421J-7, it may conduct an



- 1 investigation of the matter and bring an action against the
- 2 person in any court of competent jurisdiction on behalf of the
- 3 State to enjoin the person from continuing the violation or
- 4 doing any acts in furtherance thereof.
- 5 §421J-E Penalties. (a) Any person who violates or fails
- 6 to comply with section 421J-7 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
- 7 and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$, or by
- 8 imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both. Any
- 9 person who violates or fails to comply with any rule, order,
- 10 decision, demand, or requirement of the regulated industries
- 11 complaints office under section 421J-7 shall be punished by a
- 12 fine not exceeding \$.
- (b) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,
- 14 any person who violates or fails to comply with section 421J-7
- 15 shall also be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$
- 16 for any violation. Each violation shall constitute a separate
- 17 offense."
- 18 SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section
- 19 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
- 20 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
- 21 the new sections in this Act.

| SECTION 3. | New statutory material | is | underscored. |
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2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Planned Community Associations; Regulated Industries Complaints Office; Association Documents; Enforcement

Description:

Provides the regulated industries complaints office with the authority to enforce document production requirements associated with planned community associations.

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