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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON WHETHER THE SCOPE OF PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO WORK AS INSURANCE APPRAISERS AND INSURANCE UMPIRES IN THE STATE NEEDS TO BE FURTHER REGULATED.

WHEREAS, the legislature finds that consumer protection is extremely important to the State and that the roles of insurance appraisers and insurance umpires under the insurance code may need to be regulated to better protect the interests of the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, that the Office of the Auditor, with cooperation from the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, is requested to conduct a study on whether the scope of persons authorized to work as insurance appraisers and insurance umpires in the State needs to be further regulated to better serve the people of Hawaii by:

- (1) Examining deficiencies in the current statutory framework for insurance appraisers and insurance umpires that may lead to confusion for consumers regarding the scope of persons that may provide insurance appraiser and insurance umpire services;
- (2) Researching how other states regulate insurance appraisers and insurance umpires; and
- (3) Examining if the regulation of insurance appraisers and insurance umpires is warranted in the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor shall submit its findings, recommendations, and any proposed

legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the commencement of the 2017 Regular Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Insurance Commissioner, and the Acting Auditor.

OFFERED BY:

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