

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that self-service storage
- 2 facilities offer customers stored property insurance as an
- 3 affordable insurance option if those customers do not have a
- 4 homeowners' or renters' insurance policy. Stored property
- 5 insurance policies typically insure the contents within a
- 6 storage unit located at a storage facility.
- 7 The legislature also finds that many of the customers of
- 8 self-service storage facilities do not have homeowners' or
- 9 renters' insurance policies and are unlikely to seek insurance
- 10 from the traditional insurance market for their storage facility
- 11 unit. Moreover, the generally short-term and low-cost nature of
- 12 a storage unit rental provides little economic incentive for
- 13 insurance companies to pursue stored property insurance
- 14 customers on a regular basis. This makes it difficult for
- 15 individuals wishing to purchase insurance to protect the value
- 16 of their stored property. Affording individuals the opportunity
- 17 to purchase insurance at the point of rental will provide a more

| 1  | accessible means to obtain optional affordable coverage for  |
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| 2  | their stored property.                                       |
| 3  | The purpose of this Act is to exempt individuals selling     |
| 4  | only insurance for property stored at a self-service storage |
| 5  | facility from obtaining a license as an insurance producer   |
| 6  | provided that specific requirements are met.                 |
| 7  | SECTION 2. Section 431:9A-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is   |
| 8  | amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:       |
| 9  | "(b) A license as an insurance producer shall not be         |
| 10 | required of the following:                                   |
| 11 | (1) An officer, director, or employee of an insurer or of    |
| 12 | an insurance producer; provided that the officer,            |
| 13 | director, or employee does not receive any commission        |
| 14 | or remuneration on policies written or sold to insure        |
| 15 | risks residing, located, or to be performed in this          |
| 16 | State and:   |
| 17 | (A) The officer, director, or employee's activities          |
| 18 | are executive, administrative, managerial,                   |
| 19 | clerical, or a combination of these and are only             |
| 20 | indirectly related to the sale, solicitation, or             |

negotiation of insurance;

| 1  |     | (B)  | The officer, director, or employee's functions    |
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| 2  |     |      | relate to underwriting, loss control, inspection  |
| 3  |     |      | or the processing, adjusting, investigating, or   |
| 4  |     |      | settling of a claim on a contract of insurance;   |
| 5  |     |      | or  |
| 6  |     | (C)  | The officer, director, or employee is acting in   |
| 7  |     |      | the capacity of a special agent or agency         |
| 8  |     |      | supervisor, assisting insurance producers where   |
| 9  |     |      | the person's activities are limited to providing  |
| 10 |     |      | technical advice and assistance to licensed       |
| 11 |     |      | insurance producers and do not include the sale,  |
| 12 |     |      | solicitation, or negotiation of insurance;        |
| 13 | (2) | A pe | rson who secures and furnishes information        |
| 14 |     | rega | rding group life insurance, group property and    |
| 15 |     | casu | alty insurance, group annuities, group or blanket |
| 16 |     | acci | dent and health or sickness insurance, for the    |
| 17 |     | purp | ose of enrolling individuals or issuing           |
| 18 |     | cert | ificates under such plans, or otherwise assisting |
| 19 |     | in a | dministering the plans, or who performs           |
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| 1 | property  | and ca | asualty | insuranc | ce, where | no | commission |
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| 2 | is paid t | to the | person  | for the  | service;  |    |            |

- 3 (3) An employer or association or its officers, directors, 4 employees, or the trustee of any employee trust plan, 5 to the extent that the employer, association, 6 officers, employees, directors, or trustees are 7 engaged in the administration or operation of a 8 program of employee benefits for the employer's or 9 association's own employees or the employees of its 10 subsidiaries or affiliates, which program involves the 11 use of insurance issued by an insurer, so long as the 12 employers, associations, officers, directors, 13 employees, or trustees are not in any manner 14 compensated, directly or indirectly, by the company 15 issuing the contracts;
  - (4) Employees of insurers or organizations employed by insurers who are engaging in the inspection, rating, or classification of risks, or in the supervision or the training of insurance producers, and who are not individually engaged in the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance;

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| 1 | (5) | A person whose activities in this State are limited to |
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| 2 |     | advertising without the intent to solicit insurance in |
| 3 |     | this State through communications in printed           |
| 4 |     | publications or other forms of electronic mass media,  |
| 5 |     | whose distribution is not limited to residents of this |
| 6 |     | State; provided that the person does not sell,         |
| 7 |     | solicit, or negotiate insurance that would insure      |
| 8 |     | risks residing, located, or to be performed in this    |
| 9 |     | State;   |

- 10 (6) A person who is not a resident of this State who 11 sells, solicits, or negotiates a contract of insurance 12 for commercial property and casualty risks to an 13 insured with risks located in more than one state 14 insured under that contract; provided that the person 15 is otherwise licensed as an insurance producer to **16** sell, solicit, or negotiate that insurance in the **17** state where the insured maintains its principal place 18 of business and the contract of insurance insures 19 risks located in that state; [or]
  - (7) A salaried, full-time employee who counsels or advises the person's employer relative to the insurance

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| 1  |     | interests of the employer or of the subsidiaries or    |
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| 2  |     | business affiliates of the employer; provided that the |
| 3  |     | employee does not sell or solicit insurance or receive |
| 4  |     | commissions[-]; or                                     |
| 5  | (8) | A person whose only activity is the solicitation of    |
| 6  |     | stored property insurance sold in connection with and  |
| 7  |     | incidental to the rental of storage space in a self-   |
| 8  |     | service storage facility under a rental agreement for  |
| 9  |     | a period not to exceed one year; provided that the     |
| 10 |     | person does not receive a commission for stored        |
| 11 |     | property insurance sold pursuant to that solicitation, |
| 12 |     | written disclosure material is given to the customer   |
| 13 |     | at the time of solicitation, and the written material  |
| 14 |     | includes all of the following:                         |
| 15 |     | (A) A disclosure that the stored property insurance    |
| 16 |     | is not required under State law and may duplicate      |
| 17 |     | coverage already provided by the customer's            |
| 18 |     | homeowners, renters, or other insurance policies;      |
| 19 |     | (B) A summary of the material terms of the stored      |
| 20 |     | property insurance coverage, including all of the      |
| 21 |     | following:   |

| 1  | (i) The identity of the insurer;                            |
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| 2  | (ii) The benefits of the coverage; and                      |
| 3  | (iii) The key terms and conditions of the                   |
| 4  | coverage; and   |
| 5  | (C) A summary of the process for filing a claim.            |
| 6  | For the purposes of this paragraph:                         |
| 7  | "Self-service storage facility" has the same meaning        |
| 8  | as in section 507-61.                                       |
| 9  | "Stored property insurance" means insurance under a         |
| 10 | group or master policy issued to a self-service storage     |
| 11 | facility to provide insurance coverage to its customers for |
| 12 | the loss of, or damage to, tangible personal property that  |
| 13 | is contained in a storage space located at a self-service   |
| 14 | storage facility or is in transit during the term of a      |
| 15 | self-service storage facility rental agreement; provided    |
| 16 | that the insured value of the policy shall not exceed       |
| 17 | <u>\$10,000.</u> "  |
| 18 | SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed   |
| 19 | and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.        |

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

Self-service storage facilities; Insurance

#### Description:

Exempts individuals selling only insurance for property stored at a self-service storage facility from obtaining a license as an insurance producer provided that specific requirements are met.

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