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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 514B-65, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "§514B-65 Investigative powers. If the commission has
- 4 reason to believe that any person is violating or has violated
- 5 this part, part V, section 514B-103, 514B-123, 514B-132,
- 6 514B-134, 514B-149, sections 514B-152 to 514B-154, section
- 7 514B-154.5, or the rules of the commission adopted pursuant
- 8 thereto, the commission may conduct an investigation of the
- 9 matter and examine the books, accounts, contracts, records, and
- 10 files of all relevant parties. For purposes of this
- 11 examination, the developer and the real estate broker shall keep
- 12 and maintain records of all sales transactions and of the funds
- 13 received by the developer and the real estate broker in
- 14 accordance with chapter 467 and the rules of the commission, and
- 15 shall make the records accessible to the commission upon
- 16 reasonable notice and demand."

SECTION 2. Section 514B-66, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "§514B-66 Cease and desist orders. In addition to its 4 authority under sections 514B-67 and 514B-68, whenever the 5 commission has reason to believe that any person is violating or 6 has violated this part, part V, section 514B-103, 514B-123, 7 514B-132, 514B-134, 514B-149, sections 514B-152 to 514B-154, 8 section 514B-154.5, or the rules of the commission adopted 9 pursuant thereto, it may issue and serve upon the person a 10 complaint stating its charges in that respect and containing a 11 notice of a hearing at a stated place and upon a day at least 12 thirty days after the service of the complaint. The person 13 served has the right to appear at the place and time specified and show cause why an order should not be entered by the 14 15 commission requiring the person to cease and desist from the 16 violation of the law or rules charged in the complaint. If the 17 commission finds that this chapter or the rules of the 18 commission have been or are being violated, it shall make a 19 report in writing stating its findings as to the facts and shall 20 issue and cause to be served on the person an order requiring 21 the person to cease and desist from the violations. The person,

- 1 within thirty days after service upon the person of the report
- 2 or order, may obtain a review thereof in the appropriate circuit
- 3 court."
- 4 SECTION 3. Section 514B-68, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 "\$514B-68 Power to enjoin. Whenever the commission
- 7 believes from satisfactory evidence that any person has violated
- 8 this part, part V, section 514B-103, 514B-123, 514B-132,
- 9 514B-134, 514B-149, sections 514B-152 to 514B-154, section
- 10 514B-154.5, or the rules of the commission adopted pursuant
- 11 thereto, it may conduct an investigation of the matter and bring
- 12 an action against the person in any court of competent
- 13 jurisdiction on behalf of the State to enjoin the person from
- 14 continuing the violation or doing any acts in furtherance
- 15 thereof."
- 16 SECTION 4. Section 514B-69, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- 18 "§514B-69 Penalties. (a) Any person who violates or fails
- 19 to comply with this part, part V, section 514B-103, 514B-123,
- 20 514B-132, 514B-134, 514B-149, sections 514B-152 to 514B-154, or
- 21 section 514B-154.5, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall

- 1 be punished by a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or by imprisonment
- 2 for a term not exceeding one year, or both. Any person who
- 3 violates or fails to comply with any rule, order, decision,
- 4 demand, or requirement of the commission under this part,
- 5 part V, section 514B-103, 514B-123, 514B-132, 514B-134,
- 6 514B-149, sections 514B-152 to 514B-154, or section 514B-154.5,
- 7 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$10,000.
- 8 (b) In addition to any other actions authorized by law,
- 9 any person who violates or fails to comply with this part,
- 10 part V, section 514B-103, 514B-123, 514B-132, 514B-134,
- 11 514B-149, sections 514B-152 to 514B-154, section 514B-154.5, or
- . 12 the rules of the commission adopted pursuant thereto, shall also
- 13 be subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000 for any
- 14 violation. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense."
- 15 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 17 begun before its effective date.
- 18 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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#### Report Title:

Condominiums; Voting; Enforcement

### Description:

Makes violations of voting requirements for elections of a condominium association subject to the enforcement powers of the Real Estate Commission.

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