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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMON-INTEREST DEVELOPMENTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that common-interest 2 developments are the fastest growing form of housing in the 3 world and a significant form of land development in the State. 4 Common-interest developments exist in a variety of forms in the 5 State, including condominium property regimes, planned 6 communities, and cooperative housing corporations. In these 7 developments, individuals own property within the development, share ownership and use of common property with all other 8 9 owners, and participate in a system of self-governance through 10 an association or corporation of the owners within the 11 development.

12 The legislature further finds that the governance documents 13 of the association or corporation provide the manner for 14 resolving any disputes that may arise within the development. 15 However, while owners within condominium associations may also 16 request the department of commerce and consumer affairs, 17 including the real estate commission and regulated industries

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complaints office, to facilitate in the resolution of or 1 2 intervene in a dispute, the owners in other developments are 3 unable to request such support. Instead, the owners in those 4 developments must privately resolve their disputes through their 5 internal processes or the judicial process. Such a resort may 6 be costly to the owner in comparison to the gravity of the 7 dispute and an alternative mechanism for oversight should be 8 examined.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a 10 common-interest development oversight task force to study and 11 recommend to the legislature the feasibility of bringing the 12 various common-interest developments in the State under the 13 oversight of the department of commerce and consumer affairs. 14 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a common-interest 15 development oversight task force within the department of 16 commerce and consumer affairs for administrative purposes that 17 shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) A representative of the department of commerce and
19 consumer affairs, to be designated by the director of
20 commerce and consumer affairs;

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1	(2)	A member of the house of representatives, to be
2		designated by the speaker of the house of
3		representatives;
4	(3)	A member of the senate, to be designated by the
5		president of the senate; and
6	(4)	Any additional members as deemed necessary by the task
7		force.
8	(b)	The task force shall:
9	(1)	Investigate the feasibility of bringing the various
10		common-interest developments in the State under the
11		oversight of the department of commerce and consumer
12		affairs, including but not limited to registration and
13		enforcement of the controlling statutory chapters
14		421I, 421J, and 514B, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
15	(2)	Investigate whether additional duties and fiduciary
16		responsibilities should be placed on members of boards
17		of directors of a cooperative housing corporation; and
18	(3)	Develop any necessary legislation to effectuate the
19		purposes of this subsection.
20	(c)	The members of the task force shall serve without
21	compensat	ion, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses

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necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel
 expenses.

3 (d) The task force shall submit an interim report of its
4 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
5 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
6 to the convening of the regular session of 2024.
7 (e) The task force shall submit a final report of its
8 findings and recommendations, including any proposed

9 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior10 to the convening of the regular session of 2025.

11 (f) The task force shall cease on June 30, 2025.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.

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#### Report Title:

Common-Interest Development Oversight Task Force; DCCA; Condominium Associations; Planned Community Associations; Cooperative Housing Corporations

#### Description:

Establishes the common-interest development oversight task force to examine the feasibility of bringing the various commoninterest developments in the State under the oversight of the department of commerce and consumer affairs and investigate whether additional duties and responsibilities should be placed on members of boards of directors for cooperative housing corporations. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD2)

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