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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that small businesses are
2 the economic lifeblood of the State. The legislature further
3 finds that despite increasing investments into the State's small
4 businesses, there is limited publicly accessible information
5 regarding new business registrants, making it challenging for
6 these small business entities to connect with local resources
7 and grow their businesses.

8 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
9 director of the department of commerce and consumer affairs to:

10 (1) Make certain contact information for newly registered
11 entities available online; and

12 (2) Transmit the contact information to the department of
13 business, economic development, and tourism business
14 development and support division.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 414, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:



1 "§414- Business registration; online availability;
2 public information. (a) The department director shall make
3 available online, as part of the department's business
4 registration division database of public information, the
5 following information for a newly registered entity:
6 (1) Name and contact information, including phone number;
7 (2) Electronic mail address; and
8 (3) Mailing address.
9 (b) Unless a newly registered entity affirmatively opts
10 out in a manner prescribed by the department director, the
11 department director shall transmit the information under
12 subsection (a) to the department of business, economic
13 development, and tourism business development and support
14 division."

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 428, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:

18 "§428- Business registration; online availability;
19 public information. (a) The director shall make available
20 online, as part of the department's business registration



1 division database of public information, the following

2 information for a newly registered entity:

3 (1) Name and contact information, including phone number;

4 (2) Electronic mail address; and

5 (3) Mailing address.

6 (b) Unless a newly registered entity affirmatively opts
7 out in a manner prescribed by the director, the director shall
8 transmit the information under subsection (a) to the department
9 of business, economic development, and tourism business
10 development and support division."

11 SECTION 4. Section 415A-14.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 **"§415A-14.7 Filing of documents, effective date.** The
14 filing of documents required
15 by this chapter to be delivered to the director for filing, and
16 the effectiveness thereof, shall be governed by sections 414-
17 11(d), (e), (f), (g), and (i), 414-14, [~~and~~] 414-16[~~-~~], and
18 414-__."

19 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
21 begun before its effective date.

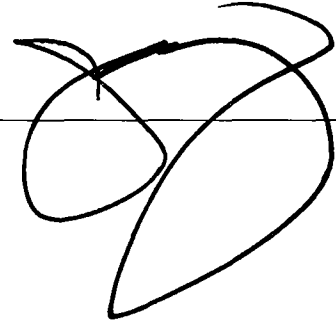


1 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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S.B. NO. 2354

Report Title:

DCCA; Business Registration Data; Online Availability

Description:

Requires the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make certain contact information for newly registered entities available online. Requires the Director to transmit the contact information to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism Business Development and Support Division.

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