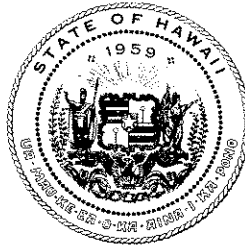


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The Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
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Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a compact disc copy of our study, *A Comparative Study of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' Requirements for License for Professions and Vocations, Part I*. This study was conducted in response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 156, Regular Session of 2005.

We compiled general license requirements in 50 states and compared Hawai'i's requirements to that of other states. Rather than undertaking a detailed cataloging of every license requirement, we took an overview of each state's prelicense and license retention requirements. As this is only the first part of the study, we reserve any general conclusions until its completion.

We hope that the study will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the study on our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and release it to the public and press, on Friday, December 30, 2005.

Sincerely,

Marion M. Higa
State Auditor

Enclosure

c: ✓ Paul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk