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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2017 – RELATING TO INSURANCE CLAIMS
ADJUSTERS.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT HERKES, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is J.P. Schmidt, State Insurance Commissioner, testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”). The Department supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to allow crop insurance adjusters who have taken an examination approved by the federal Risk Management Agency (“RMA”) to fulfill the licensing examination requirement in Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) § 431:9-222.5(a)(3).

RMA currently requires that crop loss adjusters pass a licensing test dedicated primarily to the crop insurance program. This bill is intended to improve adjuster proficiency.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.