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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE CLAIMS ADJUSTERS.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 431:9-222.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3           "(a) The commissioner may issue a limited license to an  
4 adjuster who only adjusts either workers' compensation or crop  
5 insurance claims; provided that the adjuster:

6           (1) Is domiciled in the State of Hawaii, or in a state  
7 that permits residents of the State of Hawaii to act  
8 as adjusters in that other state;

9           (2) Has had experience, special education, or training in  
10 handling loss claims under workers' compensation or  
11 crop insurance contracts of sufficiently reasonable  
12 duration and extent to enable an individual to fulfill  
13 the responsibilities of an adjuster;

14           (3) Has a passing grade on the workers' compensation or  
15 crop insurance examination pursuant to section  
16 431:9-206[+] or has a passing grade on an examination



1 approved by the Risk Management Agency of the United  
2 States Department of Agriculture; and

3 (4) Pays the applicable fees."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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**Report Title:**

Insurance Claims Adjusters; Crop Insurance

**Description:**

Allows a claims adjuster to take an examination approved by the Risk Management Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture in order to qualify for a limited insurance adjuster's license.

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

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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.