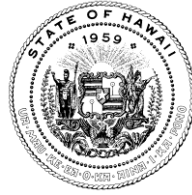


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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Finance
Monday, February 25, 2019
2:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**On the following measure:
H.B. 1332, RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA or Department). The Department supports this bill, which establishes additional amounts to be appropriated or authorized for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of the DCCA's Insurance Regulatory Services (INS), program ID CCA-106, under the purview of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Intrastate Commerce.

The INS is requesting an appropriation out of the Compliance Resolution Fund of:

- \$2,500,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2019-2020 and \$500,000 for FY 2020-2021 to fund the replacement of the Hawaii Insurance Database System and corresponding licensing, maintenance, and independent verification and validation costs; and

- \$417,736 for FY 2019-2020 and \$417,736 for FY 2020-2021 to fund fringe benefit costs for collective bargaining and salary adjustments.

The INS' reserves and anticipated revenues should be sufficient to cover its budget requests.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.