A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SECURITIES.

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

| 1 | SECTION 1. Chapter 485A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is |
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| 2 | amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and |
| 3 | to read as follows: |
| 4 | "PART . PROTECTION OF ELDERS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS FROM |
| 5 | FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION |
| 6 | §485A-A Definitions. As used in this part, unless the |
| 7 | context otherwise requires: |
| 8 | "Elder" means a person sixty-two years of age or older. |
| 9 | "Financial exploitation" means: |
| 10 | (1) The wrongful or unauthorized taking, withholding, |
| 11 | appropriation, or use of money, assets, or property of |
| 12 | an elder or a vulnerable adult; or |
| 13 | (2) Any act or omission by a person, including through the |
| 14 | use of a power of attorney, guardianship, or |
| 15 | conservatorship of an elder or a vulnerable adult, to: |
| 16 | (A) Obtain control through deception, intimidation, |
| 17 | or undue influence over the elder's or vulnerable |



| 1 | | adult's money, assets, or property to deprive the |
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| 2 | | elder or vulnerable adult of the ownership, use, |
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| 3 | | benefit, or possession of the elder's or |
| 4 | | vulnerable adult's money, assets, or property; or |
| 5 | (B) | Convert money, assets, or property of the elder |
| 6 | | or vulnerable adult to deprive the elder or |
| 7 | | vulnerable adult of the ownership, use, benefit, |
| 8 | | or possession of the elder's or vulnerable |
| 9 | | adult's money, assets, or property. |
| 10 | "Qualified person" means any agent, broker-dealer, | |
| 11 | investment adviser representative, investment adviser, or person | |
| 12 | who serves in | a supervisory or compliance capacity for a broker- |
| 13 | dealer or an investment adviser. | |
| 14 | "Reasonab | ly associated individual" means any person known |
| 15 | to the qualifi | ed person to be reasonably associated with the |
| 16 | elder, the vul | nerable adult, or the account. |
| 17 | "Vulnerab | ole adult" means a person eighteen years of age or |
| 18 | older who, bec | ause of mental, developmental, or physical |
| 19 | impairment, is | unable to: |
| 20 | (1) Comm | nunicate or make responsible decisions to manage |
| 21 | the | person's own care or resources; |



(2) Carry out or arrange for essential activities of daily
 living; or

3 (3) Protect oneself from abuse, as defined in
4 section 346-222.

5 §485A-B Governmental disclosures. If a qualified person 6 reasonably believes that financial exploitation of an elder or a 7 vulnerable adult may have occurred, may have been attempted, or 8 is being attempted, the qualified person shall promptly notify 9 the commissioner.

10 §485A-C Immunity for governmental disclosures. A
11 qualified person who, in good faith and exercising reasonable
12 care, makes a disclosure of information pursuant to section
13 485A-B shall be immune from administrative or civil liability
14 that might otherwise arise from the disclosure or for any
15 failure to notify the comissioner of the disclosure.

16 §485A-D Third-party disclosures. If a qualified person 17 reasonably believes that financial exploitation of an elder or a 18 vulnerable adult may have occurred, may have been attempted, or 19 is being attempted, a qualified person may notify a reasonably 20 associated individual or any third party previously designated 21 by the elder or vulnerable adult. Disclosure shall not be made

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1 to any reasonably associated individual or previously designated 2 third party who is suspected of financial exploitation or other 3 abuse of the elder or vulnerable adult. 4 **\$485A-E Immunity for third-party disclosures**. A gualified 5 person who, in good faith and exercising reasonable care, 6 complies with section 485A-D shall be immune from any 7 administrative or civil liability that might otherwise arise 8 from the disclosure. 9 **§485A-F** Delaying disbursements or transactions. (a) A

10 broker-dealer or an investment adviser may delay a disbursement 11 from, or a transaction in connection with, an account of an 12 elder or a vulnerable adult or an account on which an elder or a 13 vulnerable adult is a beneficiary if:

14 The qualified person reasonably believes, after (1) 15 initiating an internal review of the requested 16 disbursement or transaction and the suspected 17 financial exploitation, that the requested 18 disbursement or transaction may result in financial 19 exploitation of the elder or vulnerable adult; and 20 (2) The broker-dealer or investment adviser:

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| 1 | (A) | Immediately, but in no event more than two |
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| 2 | | business days after the requested disbursement or |
| 3 | | transaction is delayed, provides written |
| 4 | | notification of the delay and the reason for the |
| 5 | | delay to all parties authorized to transact |
| 6 | | business on the account, unless any such party is |
| 7 | | reasonably believed to have engaged in suspected |
| 8 | | or attempted financial exploitation of the elder |
| 9 | | or vulnerable adult; |
| 10 | (B) | Immediately, but in no event more than two |
| 11 | | business days after the requested disbursement or |
| 12 | | transaction is delayed, notifies the |
| 13 | | commissioner; and |
| 14 | (C) | Continues its internal review of the suspected or |
| 15 | | attempted financial exploitation of the elder or |
| 16 | | vulnerable adult, as necessary, and provides |
| 17 | | status updates to the commissioner upon request. |
| 18 | (b) Any | delay of a requested disbursement or transaction |
| 19 | as authorized | by this section shall expire upon the sooner of: |
| 20 | (1) A de | etermination by the broker-dealer or investment |
| 21 | adv | iser that the requested disbursement or transaction |

| 1 | | will not result in financial exploitation of the elder |
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| 2 | | or vulnerable adult; or |
| 3 | (2) | Fifteen business days after the date on which the |
| 4 | | broker-dealer or investment adviser first delayed the |
| 5 | | requested disbursement or transaction, unless the |
| 6 | | commissioner requests that the broker-dealer or |
| 7 | | investment adviser extend the delay, in which case the |
| 8 | | delay shall expire no later than twenty-five business |
| 9 | | days after the date on which the broker-dealer or |
| 10 | | investment adviser first delayed the requested |
| 11 | | disbursement or transaction, unless sooner terminated |
| 12 | | or further extended by the commissioner or by an order |
| 13 | | of a court of competent jurisdiction. |
| 14 | (c) | A court of competent jurisdiction may enter an order |
| 15 | extending | the delay of the requested disbursement or |
| 16 | transacti | on, or may order other protective relief based on the |
| 17 | petition | of the commissioner, the broker-dealer or investment |
| 18 | adviser w | ho initiated the delay under this section, or other |
| 19 | intereste | d party. |
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20 §485A-G Immunity for delaying disbursements or
21 transactions. A qualified person who, in good faith and



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exercising reasonable care, complies with section 485A-F shall
 be immune from any administrative or civil liability that might
 otherwise arise from a delay of a requested disbursement or
 transaction in accordance with this section.

5 **§485A-H Records.** A broker-dealer or an investment adviser 6 shall provide access to or copies of records that are relevant 7 to the suspected or attempted financial exploitation of an elder 8 or a vulnerable adult to the commissioner, department of human 9 services, or law enforcement, either as part of a referral to 10 the commissioner, department of human services, or law 11 enforcement, or upon request of the commissioner, department of human services, or law enforcement pursuant to an investigation. 12 13 The records may include historical records as well as records 14 relating to the most recent transaction or transactions that may 15 comprise financial exploitation of an elder or a vulnerable adult. All records made available under this section shall be 16 17 exempt from disclosure under chapter 92F.

18 Nothing in this section shall limit or otherwise impede the 19 authority of the commissioner to access or examine the books and 20 records of broker-dealers and investment advisers as otherwise 21 provided by law.

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| 1 | §485A-I Multiple duties to report. Compliance with this |
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| 2 | part shall not discharge the duty to report suspected abuse |
| 3 | under any other law." |
| 4 | SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section |
| 5 | 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute |
| 6 | appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating |
| 7 | the new sections in this Act. |
| 8 | SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050. |

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Report Title:

Uniform Securities Act; Elder; Vulnerable Adult; Financial Exploitation; Broker-Dealers; Investment Advisors

Description:

Mandates reporting of suspected financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults in relation to securities. Provides immunity for good faith reporting. Authorizes the delay of disbursements and transactions in situations of suspected financial exploitation. Effective 1/1/2050. (HD1)

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