THE SENATE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022 STATE OF HAWAII

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF THIRD-PARTY REVIEW SERVICES PROVIDERS.

WHEREAS, a third-party review services provider is an 1 entity that provides comprehensive third-party plan review 2 3 services of a residential, commercial, or industrial development 4 project's proposed plans, specifications, and permit 5 applications to ensure compliance with applicable building, electrical, structural, plumbing, mechanical, residential, and 6 residential land use laws, rules, ordinances, and codes; and 7 8 9 WHEREAS, the State's housing costs, including the costs 10 associated with developing land and building homes, are 11 increasing; and 12 WHEREAS, these increases are partially due to the lengthy 13 review processes required for proposals and permit applications; 14 15 and 16 17 WHEREAS, because the counties lack sufficient qualified staffing to conduct these reviews, homeowners, property owners, 18 and developers are increasingly using third-party review service 19 20 providers; and 21 22 WHEREAS, regulating third-party review services is 23 necessary to protect consumers, reduce the occurrence of 24 non-compliant construction plans, and increase the efficiency and timeliness of the overall review process; and 25 26 27 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Auditor to conduct a 28 sunrise review of the third-party review services profession prior to the State enacting regulatory legislation; now, 29 30 therefore, 31



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first 1 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the 2 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is 3 requested to conduct a sunrise review of the licensure and 4 regulation of third-party review services providers as 5 6 established in legislation introduced during the 2022 Regular 7 Session; and 8 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of the Auditor's findings to the Legislature no 10 later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2023; and 11 12 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor. 15 16

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