Honolulu, Hawaii

## APR 0 2 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 155

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 155 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO PRODUCE A DETAILED REPORT REGARDING THE STATE OF THE PRIVATE PROPERTY INSURANCE INDUSTRY IN HAWAI'I,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Insurance Commissioner to produce a detailed report regarding the state of the private property insurance industry in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that there has been an increase in the number of natural disasters in the State, including hurricanes, wildfires, and volcanic eruptions, all of which are causing widespread damage and financial strain on residents. Your Committee further finds that these natural disasters have led to a rise in insurance premiums in the State, with some insurers either raising their rates significantly or withdrawing from the insurance market altogether. Additionally, your Committee finds that an effective response to address these concerns requires a thorough understanding of the current state of the private

insurance market in Hawaii, including the financial health of insurers, factors contributing to the rising premiums, and the potential impact of more insurers withdrawing from the State. Your Committee therefore believes that this measure will help the State prepare for the possibility of a universal withdrawal of private insurers from the property insurance market, as well as explore the feasibility of the State to enter the market as a primary property insurance provider.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 155 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer\_Protection,

ARRET'I REOHOKALOLE, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

## Record of Votes Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SCR155	CPN			4/1/25	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (C)		<b>~</b>			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)		<b>/</b>			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.		<b>/</b>			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"		<b>√</b> ,			
AWA, Brenton		<b></b>			
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Recommendation:  Adopted			Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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<sup>\*</sup>Only one measure per Record of Votes