### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under existing law, 2 unit owners, tenants, and other persons who use condominium 3 property are subject to the declarations and bylaws adopted by 4 their condominium's association and must strictly comply with 5 the covenants, conditions, and restrictions set forth in the 6 condominium's declaration, bylaws, and house rules. The 7 legislature further finds that while condominium associations 8 must have adequate remedies to enforce compliance, individuals subject to an enforcement action must also receive due process. 9 10 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to clarify the 11 process for unit owners and tenants to dispute assessments 12 levied by condominium associations and ensure that there is due 13 process when fines are imposed on individuals subject to

14 condominium association enforcement actions.

15 SECTION 2. Chapter 514B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
17 and to read as follows:

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1	" <u>§</u> 51	<b>4B- Fines; imposition; appeals; collection.</b> (a)
2	An associ	ation may levy reasonable fines against a unit owner or
3	tenant of	a unit owner for a violation of declaration, bylaws,
4	house rul	es, or regulations adopted by the association. A unit
5	owner or	tenant shall be entitled to appeal the imposition of a
6	fine levi	ed pursuant to this section. The board shall adopt a
7	resolutio	on that establishes an appeals process that includes
8	<u>notice an</u>	d an opportunity for the unit owner or tenant to be
9	heard and	dispute the fine.
10	(b)	Prior to the imposition of a fine, the association
11	shall pro	vide notice to the unit owner or tenant, as applicable.
12	The notic	e shall include:
13	(1)	For each act or omission that constitutes a violation
14		and is subject to the fine:
15		(A) A reference to the applicable provision or
16		provisions of the declaration, bylaws, house
17		rules, or regulation that serves as the basis for
18		the fine; and
19		(B) A general description of the violation; and
20	(2)	A copy of the appeals process adopted pursuant to
21		subsection (a).



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1	(C)	A unit owner or tenant may request a hearing before
2	the board	within thirty days of receipt of the notice under
3	subsection	(b) .
4	(d)	A unit owner or tenant aggrieved by the decision of
5	the board	may file an appeal in the small claims division of the
6	<u>district</u> c	ourt in which the condominium is located within thirty
7	days of re	ceipt of notice of the decision from the board
8	regarding	the fine.
9	(e)	A fine imposed for a violation of declaration, bylaws,
10	house rule	s, or regulations adopted by the association shall be
11	enforceabl	e and collectible if:
12	(1)	The time to initiate an appeal has expired and no
13		appeal has been initiated;
14	(2)	The fine has been upheld by the board following a
15		timely appeal and a small claims court case has not
16		been initiated in accordance with subsection (d); or
17	(3)	The fine has not been denied by a small claims court
18		within ninety days of the timely initiation of an
19		appeal pursuant to subsection (d).
20	(f)	An association shall not charge a unit owner or tenant
21	any attorn	eys' fees incurred by the association related to a



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1	fine impo	sed for a violation of declaration, bylaws, house
2	rules, or	regulations adopted by the association unless the fine
3	is enforc	eable and collectible under subsection (e).
4	_(g)	Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit the
5	remedies	of the association otherwise available under this
6	<u>chapter.</u> "	·
7	SECT	ION 3. Section 514B-104, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8	amended b	y amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:
9	"(a)	Except as provided in section 514B-105, and subject
10	to the provisions of the declaration and bylaws, the	
11	associati	on, even if unincorporated, may:
12	(1)	Adopt and amend the declaration, bylaws, and rules and
13		regulations;
14	(2)	Adopt and amend budgets for revenues, expenditures,
15		and reserves and collect assessments for common
16		expenses from unit owners, subject to section
17		514B-148;
18	(3)	Hire and discharge managing agents and other
19		independent contractors, agents, and employees;
20	(4)	Institute, defend, or intervene in litigation or
21		administrative proceedings in its.own name on behalf

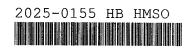
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1		of itself or two or more unit owners on matters
2		affecting the condominium. For the purposes of
3		actions under chapter 480, associations shall be
4		deemed to be "consumers";
5	(5)	Make contracts and incur liabilities;
6	(6)	Regulate the use, maintenance, repair, replacement,
7		and modification of common elements;
8	(7)	Cause additional improvements to be made as a part of
9		the common elements;
10	(8)	Acquire, hold, encumber, and convey in its own name
11		any right, title, or interest to real or personal
12		property; provided that:
13		(A) Designation of additional areas to be common
14		elements or subject to common expenses after the
15		initial filing of the declaration or bylaws shall
16		require the approval of at least sixty-seven per
17		cent of the unit owners;
18		(B) If the developer discloses to the initial buyer
19		in writing that additional areas will be
20		designated as common elements whether pursuant to
21		an incremental or phased project or otherwise,



1		the requirements of this paragraph shall not
2		apply as to those additional areas; and
3		(C) The requirements of this paragraph shall not
4		apply to the purchase of a unit for a resident
5		manager, which may be purchased with the approval
6		of the board;
7	(9)	Subject to section 514B-38, grant easements, leases,
8		licenses, and concessions through or over the common
9		elements and permit encroachments on the common
10		elements;
11	(10)	Impose and receive any payments, fees, or charges for
12		the use, rental, or operation of the common elements,
13		other than limited common elements described in
14		section 514B-35(2) and (4), and for services provided
15		to unit owners;
16	(11)	Impose charges and penalties, including late fees and
17		interest[ $_{ au}$ ] for late payment of assessments, and levy
18		reasonable fines for violations of the declaration,
19		bylaws, rules, and regulations of the association,
20		[ <del>either</del> ] in accordance with [ <del>the bylaws or, if the</del>
21		bylaws are silent, pursuant to a resolution adopted by



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1		the board that establishes a fining procedure that
2		states the basis for the fine and allows an appeal to
3		the board of the fine with notice and an opportunity
4		to be heard and providing that if the fine is paid,
5		the unit owner shall have the right to initiate a
6		dispute resolution process as provided by sections
7		514B-161, 514B-162, or by filing a request for an
8		administrative hearing under a pilot program
9		administered by the department of commerce and
10		<pre>consumer affairs;] section 514B- ;</pre>
11	(12)	Impose reasonable charges for the preparation and
12		recordation of amendments to the declaration,
13		documents requested for resale of units, or statements
14		of unpaid assessments;
15	(13)	Provide for cumulative voting through a provision in
16		the bylaws;
17	(14)	Provide for the indemnification of its officers,
18		board, committee members, and agents, and maintain
19		directors' and officers' liability insurance;



1	(15)	Assign its right to future income, including the right
2		to receive common expense assessments, but only to the
3		extent section 514B-105(e) expressly so provides;
4	(16)	Exercise any other powers conferred by the declaration
5		or bylaws;
6	(17)	Exercise all other powers that may be exercised in
7		this State by legal entities of the same type as the
8		association, except to the extent inconsistent with
9		this chapter;
10	(18)	Exercise any other powers necessary and proper for the
11		governance and operation of the association; and
12	(19)	By regulation, subject to sections 514B-146, 514B-161,
13		and 514B-162, require that disputes between the board
14		and unit owners or between two or more unit owners
15		regarding the condominium be submitted to nonbinding
16		alternative dispute resolution in the manner described
17		in the regulation as a prerequisite to commencement of
18		a judicial proceeding.
19	(b)	If a tenant of a unit owner violates the declaration,

20 bylaws, [or] rules [and], or regulations of the association, in



1	addition	to exercising any of its powers against the unit owner,
2	the assoc	iation may:
3	(1)	Exercise directly against the tenant the powers
4		described in subsection (a)(11);
5	(2)	After giving notice to the tenant and the unit owner
6		and an opportunity to be heard, levy reasonable fines
7		against the tenant for the violation[ $ au$ ] in accordance
8		with section 514B- ; provided that a unit owner
9		shall be responsible for the conduct of the owner's
10		tenant and for any fines levied against the tenant or
11		any legal fees incurred in enforcing the declaration,
12		bylaws, [ <del>or</del> ] rules [ <del>and</del> ] <u>, or</u> regulations of the
13		association against the tenant; and
14	(3)	Enforce any other rights against the tenant for the
15		violation which the unit owner as landlord could
16		lawfully have exercised under the lease, including
17		eviction, or which the association could lawfully have
18		exercised directly against the unit owner, or both."
19	SECT	ION 4. Section 514B-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20	amended b	y amending subsection (c) to read as follows:



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1 "(c) Any payments made by or on behalf of a unit owner 2 shall first be applied to outstanding common expenses that are 3 assessed to all unit owners in proportion to the common interest 4 appurtenant to their respective units. Only after said outstanding common expenses have been paid in full may the 5 payments be applied to other charges owed to the association, 6 7 including assessed charges to the unit such as ground lease 8 rent, utility sub-metering, storage lockers, parking stalls, 9 boat slips, insurance deductibles, and cable. After these 10 charges are paid, other charges, including unpaid late fees, 11 legal fees, collectible fines, and interest, may be assessed in 12 accordance with an application of payment policy adopted by the 13 board; provided that if a unit owner has designated that any 14 payment is for a specific charge that is not a common expense as 15 described in this subsection, the payment may be applied in 16 accordance with the unit owner's designation even if common 17 expenses remain outstanding."

18 SECTION 5. Section 514B-146, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 19 amended to read as follows:

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"§514B-146 Association fiscal matters; lien for

21 assessments [-]; dispute of assessments. (a) All sums assessed



1 by the association but unpaid for the share of the common 2 expenses chargeable to any unit shall constitute a lien on the unit with priority over all other liens, except: 3 4 (1)Liens for real property taxes and assessments lawfully 5 imposed by governmental authority against the unit; 6 and 7 (2)Except as provided in subsection  $[\frac{j}{r}]$  (k), all sums unpaid on any mortgage of record that was recorded 8 9 prior to the recordation of a notice of a lien by the 10 association, and costs and expenses including 11 attorneys' fees provided in such mortgages; 12 provided that a lien recorded by an association for unpaid 13 assessments shall expire six years from the date of recordation 14 unless proceedings to enforce the lien are instituted prior to 15 the expiration of the lien; provided further that the expiration 16 of a recorded lien shall in no way affect the association's 17 automatic lien that arises pursuant to this subsection or the declaration or bylaws. Any proceedings to enforce an 18 19 association's lien for any assessment shall be instituted within 20 six years after the assessment became due; provided that if the 21 owner of a unit subject to a lien of the association files a



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petition for relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code (11
 U.S.C. §101 et seq.), the period of time for instituting
 proceedings to enforce the association's lien shall be tolled
 until thirty days after the automatic stay of proceedings under
 section 362 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C.
 §362) is lifted.

7 The lien of the association may be foreclosed by action or 8 by nonjudicial or power of sale foreclosure, regardless of the 9 presence or absence of power of sale language in an 10 association's governing documents, by the managing agent or 11 board, acting on behalf of the association and in the name of 12 the association; provided that no association may exercise the 13 nonjudicial or power of sale remedies provided in chapter 667 to 14 foreclose a lien against any unit that arises solely from fines, 15 penalties, legal fees, or late fees, and the foreclosure of any 16 such lien shall be filed in court pursuant to part IA of chapter 17 667.

In any such foreclosure, the unit owner shall be required to pay a reasonable rental for the unit, if so provided in the bylaws or the law, and the plaintiff in the foreclosure shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver to collect the rental



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1 owed by the unit owner or any tenant of the unit. If the association is the plaintiff, it may request that its managing 2 3 agent be appointed as receiver to collect the rent from the 4 tenant. The managing agent or board, acting on behalf of the 5 association and in the name of the association, unless prohibited by the declaration, may bid on the unit at 6 7 foreclosure sale, and acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the unit. Action to recover a money judgment for unpaid 8 9 common expenses shall be maintainable without foreclosing or 10 waiving the lien securing the unpaid common expenses owed. 11 (b) Except as provided in subsection  $\left[\frac{(j)}{r}\right]$  (k), when the

12 mortgagee of a mortgage of record or other purchaser of a unit 13 obtains title to the unit as a result of foreclosure of the 14 mortgage, the acquirer of title and the acquirer's successors and assigns shall not be liable for the share of the common 15 16 expenses or assessments by the association chargeable to the 17 unit that became due prior to the acquisition of title to the unit by the acquirer. The unpaid share of common expenses or 18 19 assessments shall be deemed to be common expenses collectible 20 from all of the unit owners, including the acquirer and the 21 acquirer's successors and assigns. The mortgagee of record or



1 other purchaser of the unit shall be deemed to acquire title and 2 shall be required to pay the unit's share of common expenses and 3 assessments beginning:

4 (1)Thirty-six days after the order confirming the sale to 5 the purchaser has been filed with the court; 6 (2)Sixty days after the hearing at which the court grants 7 the motion to confirm the sale to the purchaser; 8 Thirty days after the public sale in a nonjudicial (3) 9 power of sale foreclosure conducted pursuant to 10 chapter 667; or

11 (4)Upon the recording of the instrument of conveyance; 12 whichever occurs first; provided that the mortgagee of record or 13 other purchaser of the unit shall not be deemed to acquire title 14 under paragraph (1), (2), or (3), if transfer of title is 15 delayed past the thirty-six days specified in paragraph (1), the 16 sixty days specified in paragraph (2), or the thirty days 17 specified in paragraph (3), when a person who appears at the 18 hearing on the motion or a party to the foreclosure action 19 requests reconsideration of the motion or order to confirm sale, 20 objects to the form of the proposed order to confirm sale, 21 appeals the decision of the court to grant the motion to confirm

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1 sale, or the debtor or mortgagor declares bankruptcy or is 2 involuntarily placed into bankruptcy. In any such case, the 3 mortgagee of record or other purchaser of the unit shall be 4 deemed to acquire title upon recordation of the instrument of 5 conveyance. 6 (C) No unit owner shall withhold any common expense 7 assessment claimed by the association for any reason, except 8 that a unit owner may dispute the common expenses claimed by the 9 association after the common expense assessment has been paid in 10 full. 11 (d) A unit owner may dispute assessments, other than 12 common expense assessments, prior to payment. A unit owner who 13 receives a demand for payment from an association and disputes 14 the amount of an assessment, other than a common expense 15 assessment, may request a written statement clearly indicating: 16 (1)The amount of common expenses included in the 17 assessment, including the due date of each amount of 18 common expenses claimed; 19 (2) The amount of any [penalty or fine, late fee, lien 20 filing fee, and any other] charge included in the 21 assessment that is not imposed on all unit owners as a



1		common expense[; and], such as a penalty or fine, late
2		fee, or lien filing fee; and
3	(3)	The amount of attorneys' fees and costs, if any,
4		included in the assessment.
5	[ <del>-(d)</del>	A] (e) An association who receives a request from a
6	unit owne	er [ <del>who disputes the information in the written</del>
7	<del>statement</del>	received from the association] pursuant to subsection
8	[ <del>(c) may-</del>	request a subsequent] (d) shall include the following
9	<u>in the</u> wr	itten statement [ <del>that additionally informs the unit</del>
10	<del>owner th</del> a	ŧ]:
11	(1)	Under Hawaii law, a unit owner has no right to
12		withhold common expense assessments for any reason;
13	[ <del>(2)</del>	A unit owner has a right to demand mediation or
14		arbitration to resolve disputes about the amount or
15		validity of an association's common expense
16		assessment; provided that the unit owner immediately
17		pays the common expense assessment in full and keeps
18		common expense assessments current;
19	<del>(3)</del>	Payment in full of the common expense assessment shall
20		not prevent the owner from contesting the common



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1		expense assessment or receiving a refund of amounts
2		not owed; and
3	<del>(4)</del>	If the unit owner contests any penalty or fine, late
4		fee, lien filing fee, or other charges included in the
5		assessment, except common expense assessments, the
6		unit owner may demand mediation as provided in
7		subsection (g) prior to paying those charges.
8	<del>(e)</del>	-No-unit-owner-shall withhold any common-expense
9	assessmen <sup>.</sup>	t claimed by the association. Nothing in this section
10	<del>shall-lim</del>	it the rights of an owner to the protection of all fair
11	debt-coll(	ection procedures mandated under federal and state law.
12	<del>(1)</del>	A unit owner who pays an association the full amount
13	<del>of the co</del>	mmon expenses claimed by the association may file in
14	<del>small cla</del>	ims court or require the association to mediate to
15	<del>resolve a</del>	ny disputes concerning the amount or validity of the
16	associatio	on's common expense claim. If the unit owner and the
17	associatio	on are unable to resolve the dispute through mediation,
18	either par	rty may-file for arbitration under section 514B-162;
19	provided (	that-a unit owner may only file for arbitration if all
20	amounts c	laimed by the association as common expenses are paid
21	in full or	n or before the date of filing. If the unit owner



1	fails to keep all association common expense assessments current
2	during the arbitration, the association may ask the arbitrator
3	to temporarily suspend the arbitration proceedings. If the unit
4	owner pays all association common expense assessments within
5	thirty days of the date of suspension, the unit owner may ask
6	the arbitrator to recommence the arbitration proceedings. If
7	the unit owner fails to pay all association common expense
8	assessments by the end of the thirty-day period, the association
9	may ask the arbitrator to dismiss the arbitration proceedings.
10	The unit owner shall be entitled to a refund of any amounts paid
11	as common expenses to the association that are not owed.
12	(g) A unit owner who contests the amount of any attorneys'
13	fees and costs, penalties or fines, late fees, lien filing fees,
14	or any other charges, except common expense assessments, may
15	make a demand in writing for mediation on the validity of those
16	charges. The unit owner has thirty days from the date of the
17	written statement requested pursuant to subsection (d) to file
18	demand for mediation on the disputed charges, other than common
19	expense assessments. If the unit owner fails to file for
20	mediation within thirty days of the date of the written
21	statement requested pursuant to subsection (d), the association



1	<del>may proce</del>	ed with collection of the charges. If the unit owner
2	<del>makes a r</del>	equest for mediation within thirty days, the
3	associati	on shall be prohibited from attempting to collect any
4	<del>of the di</del>	sputed charges until the association has participated
5	in the me	diation. The mediation shall be completed within sixty
6	<del>days of t</del>	he unit owner's request for mediation; provided that if
7	the media	tion is not completed within sixty days or the parties
8	are unabl	e to resolve the dispute by mediation, the association
9	may proce	ed with collection of all amounts due from the unit
10	<del>owner for</del>	-attorneys' fees and costs, penalties or fines, late
11	fees, lie	n filing fees, or any other charge that is not imposed
12	<del>on all un</del>	it owners as a common expense.]
13	(2)	The obligation to pay a common expense assessment may
14		be disputed after the common expense assessment is
15		paid in full; and
16	(3)	A unit owner may dispute other assessments, apart from
17		a common expense assessment, before making payment, as
18		provided by this section and section 514B
19	(f)	A unit owner may file an action in any court of
20	competent	jurisdiction, or may request mediation, to contest:
21	(1)	A paid in full assessment; or



1 (2) An unpaid assessment, other than a common expense 2 assessment, or a fine; provided that a unit owner may 3 contest a fine as provided under section 514B- . 4 A unit owner who elects to request mediation shall do so within 5 thirty days after receipt of the written statement provided by 6 the association pursuant to subsection (d). A timely demand for 7 mediation shall stay an association's efforts to collect the 8 contested assessment for sixty days. 9 (g) If any amount paid by a unit owner is found to be 10 unsubstantiated, the unit owner shall be entitled to a refund. 11 (h) An association may defend an assessment in court or in 12 mediation and may proceed to collect an unpaid assessment by any 13 legal means, except when collection efforts are stayed pursuant 14 to subsection (f). 15 [(h)] (i) In conjunction with or as an alternative to 16 foreclosure proceedings under subsection (a), where a unit is 17 owner-occupied, the association may authorize its managing agent 18 or board to, after sixty days' written notice to the unit owner 19 and to the unit's first mortgagee of the nonpayment of the 20 unit's share of the common expenses, terminate the delinquent 21 unit's access to the common elements and cease supplying a

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1 delinquent unit with any and all services normally supplied or
2 paid for by the association. Any terminated services and
3 privileges shall be restored upon payment of all delinquent
4 assessments but need not be restored until payment in full is
5 received.

6 [(i)] (j) Before the board or managing agent may take the
7 actions permitted under subsection [(h), (i), the board shall
8 adopt a written policy providing for such actions and have the
9 policy approved by a majority vote of the unit owners at an
10 annual or special meeting of the association or by the written
11 consent of a majority of the unit owners.

12  $\left[\frac{(j)}{(k)}\right]$  (k) Subject to this subsection, and subsections  $\left[\frac{(k)}{(k)}\right]$ 13 and] (1)  $[\tau]$  and (m), the board may specially assess the amount 14 of the unpaid regular monthly common assessments for common expenses against a mortgagee or other purchaser who, in a 15 16 judicial or nonjudicial power of sale foreclosure, purchases a 17 delinquent unit; provided that the mortgagee or other purchaser 18 may require the association to provide at no charge a notice of 19 the association's intent to claim lien against the delinguent unit for the amount of the special assessment, prior to the 20 21 subsequent purchaser's acquisition of title to the delinquent



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1 unit. The notice shall state the amount of the special 2 assessment, how that amount was calculated, and the legal 3 description of the unit. 4  $\left[\frac{k}{2}\right]$  (1) The amount of the special assessment assessed under subsection  $[\frac{(j)}{(j)}]$  (k) shall not exceed the total amount of 5 6 unpaid regular monthly common assessments that were assessed during the six months immediately preceding the completion of 7 8 the judicial or nonjudicial power of sale foreclosure. 9 [(1)] (m) For purposes of subsections [(j)-and] (k)  $[\tau]$  and 10 (m), the following definitions shall apply, unless the context 11 requires otherwise: "Completion" means: 12 13 (1)In a nonjudicial power of sale foreclosure, when the 14 affidavit after public sale is recorded pursuant to 15 section 667-33; and 16 (2)In a judicial foreclosure, when a purchaser is deemed 17 to acquire title pursuant to subsection (b). 18 "Regular monthly common assessments" does not include: 19 (1)Any other special assessment, except for a special assessment imposed on all units as part of a budget 20 21 adopted pursuant to section 514B-148;



1 (2) Late charges, fines, or penalties; 2 (3)Interest assessed by the association; 3 (4) Any lien arising out of the assessment; or 4 (5) Any fees or costs related to the collection or 5 enforcement of the assessment, including attorneys' 6 fees and court costs.

7 [-(m)] (n) The cost of a release of any lien filed pursuant
8 to this section shall be paid by the party requesting the
9 release.

10 [<del>(n)</del>] (o) After any judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure 11 proceeding in which the association acquires title to the unit, 12 any excess rental income received by the association from the 13 unit shall be paid to existing lien holders based on the 14 priority of lien, and not on a pro rata basis, and shall be applied to the benefit of the unit owner. For purposes of this 15 16 subsection, excess rental income shall be any net income 17 received by the association after a court has issued a final 18 judgment determining the priority of a senior mortgagee and after paying, crediting, or reimbursing the association or a 19 20 third party for:



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1	(1)	The lien for delinquent assessments pursuant to
2		subsections (a) and (b);
3	(2)	Any maintenance fee delinquency against the unit;
4	(3)	Attorney's fees and other collection costs related to
5		the association's foreclosure of the unit; or
6	(4)	Any costs incurred by the association for the rental,
7		repair, maintenance, or rehabilitation of the unit
8		while the association is in possession of the unit
9		including monthly association maintenance fees,
10		management fees, real estate commissions, cleaning and
11		repair expenses for the unit, and general excise taxes
12		paid on rental income;
13	provided t	that the lien for delinquent assessments under
14	paragraph	(1) shall be paid, credited, or reimbursed first.
15	(p)	Nothing in this section shall limit the rights of an
16	owner to t	the protection of all fair debt collection procedures
17	mandated u	under federal and state law."
18	SECT	ION 6. Section 514B-157, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19	amended by	y amending subsection (a) to read as follows:



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1 "(a) All costs and expenses, including reasonable 2 attorneys' fees, incurred by or on behalf of the association 3 for: 4 (1)Collecting any delinquent assessments against any 5 owner's unit; 6 (2) Foreclosing any lien thereon; or 7 (3) Enforcing any provision of the declaration, bylaws, 8 house rules, and this chapter, or the rules of the 9 real estate commission; 10 against an owner, occupant, tenant, employee of an owner, or any 11 other person who may in any manner use the property, shall be 12 promptly paid on demand to the association by such person or 13 persons[+], except as otherwise provided in section 514B- ; provided that if the claims upon which the association takes any 14 15 action are not substantiated, all costs and expenses, including 16 reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by any such person or 17 persons as a result of the action of the association, shall be 18 promptly paid on demand to such person or persons by the 19 association."



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SECTION 7. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
 begun before its effective date.
 SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

INTRODUCED BY:

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#### Report Title:

Condominium Associations; Fines; Assessments; Common Expense Assessments; Appeals

#### Description:

Clarifies the authority of condominium associations to impose fines for violations of the declaration, bylaws, house rules, or regulations adopted by the condominium association. Establishes a process for the unit owner or tenant of the unit owner to appeal the imposition of a fine. Clarifies the responsibilities of unit owners to pay common expense assessments. Clarifies the rights and process for unit owners to appeal assessments other than common expense assessments.

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