#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE.

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

1	SECT	'ION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended b	y adding a new article to be appropriately designated
3	and to re	ead as follows:
4		"ARTICLE
5		TRAVEL INSURANCE
6	§ <b>43</b> 1	: -101 Short title. This article shall be known and
7	may be ci	ted as the Hawaii Travel Insurance Act.
8	§ <b>4</b> 31	: -102 Scope and purpose. (a) The purpose of this
9	article i	s to promote public welfare by creating a comprehensive
10	legal fra	mework to regulate the sale of travel insurance in this
11	State.	
12	(b)	The requirements of this article shall apply to:
13	(1)	Travel insurance that covers any resident of this
14		State and is sold, solicited, negotiated, or offered
15		in the State; and
16	(2)	Policies and certificates that are delivered or issued
17		for delivery in the State.

- 1 This article shall not apply to cancellation fee waivers or
- 2 travel assistance services, except as expressly provided in this
- 3 article.
- 4 (c) All other applicable provisions of this State's
- 5 insurance laws shall continue to apply to travel insurance,
- 6 except that the specific provisions of this article shall
- 7 supersede any general provisions of law that would otherwise
- 8 apply to travel insurance.
- 9 §431: -103 Definitions. As used in this article:
- 10 "Aggregator site" means a website that provides access to
- 11 information regarding insurance products from more than one
- 12 travel insurer, including product and travel insurer
- 13 information, for use in comparison shopping.
- "Blanket travel insurance" means a travel insurance policy
- 15 issued to any eligible group providing coverage for specific
- 16 classes of persons defined in the policy, with coverage provided
- 17 to all members of the eligible group without a separate charge
- 18 to individual members of the eligible group.
- "Cancellation fee waiver" means a contractual agreement
- 20 between a supplier of travel services and the supplier's
- 21 customer to waive some or all of the non-refundable cancellation

1	fee	provisions	of	the	supplier'	S	underlying	travel	contract
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- 2 regardless of the reason for the cancellation or form of
- 3 reimbursement. A cancellation fee waiver is not insurance.
- 4 "Designated responsible producer" means the person
- 5 responsible for compliance with the travel insurance laws and
- 6 regulations applicable to the limited lines travel insurance
- 7 producer and its registrants.
- 8 "Eligible group" means two or more persons who are engaged
- 9 in a common enterprise, or have an economic, educational, or
- 10 social affinity or relationship. "Eligible group" includes but
- 11 is not limited to:
- 12 (1) Any entity engaged in the business of providing travel
- or travel services, including but not limited to tour
- 14 operators, lodging providers, vacation property
- owners, hotels and resorts, travel clubs, travel
- 16 agencies, property managers, cultural exchange
- programs, and common carriers, or the operator, owner,
- or lessor of a means of transportation of passengers,
- including but not limited to airlines, cruise lines,
- railroads, steamship companies, and public bus
- 21 carriers, wherein all members or customers of the

1		group have common exposure to risk attendant to any
2		particular travel or type of travel or travelers;
3	(2)	Any college, school, or other institution of learning
4		covering students, teachers, employees, or volunteers;
5	(3)	Any employer covering any group of employees,
6		volunteers, contractors, boards of directors,
7		dependents, or guests;
8	(4)	Any sports team, camp, or sponsor thereof covering
9		participants, members, campers, employees, officials,
10		supervisors, or volunteers;
11	(5)	Any religious, charitable, recreational, educational,
12		or civic organization, or branch thereof covering any
13		group of members, participants, or volunteers;
14	(6)	Any financial institution or financial institution
15		vendor or parent holding company, trustee, or agent
16		of, or designated by, one or more financial
17		institutions or financial institution vendors,
18		including account holders, credit card holders,
19		debtors, guarantors, or purchasers;
20	(7)	Any incorporated or unincorporated association,
21		including labor unions, having a common interest,

1		constitution, and bylaws, and that is organized and
2		maintained in good faith for purposes other than
3		obtaining insurance for members or participants of the
4		association covering its members;
5	(8)	Any trust or the trustees of a fund established,
6		created, or maintained for the benefit of and covering
7		members, employees, or customers, subject to the
8		commissioner's permitting the use of a trust and this
9		State's premium tax provisions in section 431: -105
10		of one or more associations meeting the requirements
11		of paragraph (7);
12	(9)	Any entertainment production company covering any
13		group of participants, volunteers, audience members,
14		contestants, or workers;
15	(10)	Any volunteer fire department, ambulance, rescue,
16		police, court, or any first aid, civil defense, or
17		other such volunteer group;
18	(11)	Preschools, daycare institutions for children or
19		adults, and senior citizen clubs;
20	(12)	Any automobile or truck rental or leasing company
21		covering a group of individuals who may become

1		renters, lessees, or passengers of the rented or
2		leased vehicles; provided that the common carrier;
3		operator, owner, or lessor of a means of
4		transportation; or the automobile or truck rental or
5		leasing company shall be the policyholder under a
6		policy to which this paragraph applies; or
7	(13)	Any other group for which the commissioner has
8		determined that:
9		(A) The members are engaged in a common enterprise or
10		have an economic, educational, or social affinity
11		or relationship; and
12		(B) Issuance of the policy would not be contrary to
13		the public interest.
14	"Ful	fillment materials" means documentation sent to the
15	purchaser	of a travel protection plan confirming the purchase
16	and provi	ding the travel protection plan's coverage and
17	assistanc	e details.
18	"Gro	up travel insurance" means travel insurance issued to
19	any eligi	ole group.
20	"Lim	ited lines travel insurance producer" means a:

1	(1)	Licensed managing general agent or third-party
2		administrator;
3	(2)	Licensed insurance producer, including a limited lines
4		producer licensed under section 431:9A-107.5(a)(1); or
5	(3)	Travel administrator.
6	"Off	er and disseminate" means the act of providing general
7	informati	on, including a description of the coverage and price,
8	processin	g an application, and collecting premiums.
9	"Pri	mary certificate holder" means a person who elects and
10	purchases	travel insurance under a group policy.
11	"Pri	mary policyholder" means a person who elects and
12	purchases	individual travel insurance.
13	"Tra	vel administrator" means a person who directly or
14	indirectly	y underwrites, collects charges, collateral, or
15`	premiums	from, or adjusts or settles claims on, residents of the
16	State, in	connection with travel insurance. "Travel
17	administra	ator" does not include:
18	(1)	A person working for a travel administrator to the
19		extent that the person's activities are subject to the
20		supervision and control of the travel administrator;

1	(2)	An insurance producer selling insurance or engaged in
2		administrative and claims-related activities within
3		the scope of the producer's license;
4	(3)	A travel retailer offering and disseminating travel
5		insurance and registered under the license of a
6		limited lines travel insurance producer in accordance
7		with this article;
8	(4)	An individual adjusting or settling claims in the
9		normal course of that individual's practice or
10		employment as an attorney and who does not collect
11		charges or premiums in connection with insurance
12		coverage; or
13	(5)	A business entity that is affiliated with a licensed
14		travel insurer while acting as a travel administrator
15		for the direct and assumed insurance business of an
16		affiliated travel insurer.
17	"Trav	vel assistance services" means non-insurance services:
18	(1)	For which the consumer is not indemnified based on a
19		fortuitous event; and

1	(2)	The provision of which does not result in the transfer
2		or shifting of risk that would constitute the business
3		of insurance.
4	"Travel	assistance services" includes but is not limited to

- 5 security advisories, destination information, vaccination and
- 6 immunization information services, travel reservation services,
- 7 entertainment, activity and event planning, translation
- 8 assistance, emergency messaging, international legal and medical
- 9 referrals, medical case monitoring, coordination of
- 10 transportation arrangements, emergency cash transfer assistance,
- 11 medical prescription replacement assistance, passport and travel
- 12 document replacement assistance, lost luggage assistance,
- 13 concierge services, and any other service that is furnished in
- 14 connection with planned travel. Travel assistance services are
- 15 not insurance and not related to insurance.
- 16 "Travel insurance" has the same meaning as in section
- **17** 431:9A-107.5(a)(1).
- 18 "Travel protection plans" means plans that provide travel
- 19 insurance, travel assistance services, or cancellation fee
- 20 waivers, or any combination of the foregoing.
- 21 "Travel retailer" means a business entity that:

	(1) makes, arranges, or orrers pranned traver; and
2	(2) May offer and disseminate travel insurance as a
3	service to the business entity's customers on behalf
4	of and under the direction of a limited lines travel
5	insurance producer.
6	§431: -104 Licensing and registration. (a) In
7	accordance with sections 431:9A-103 and 431:9A-107.5, the
8	commissioner may issue a limited lines travel insurance produce
9	license to an individual or business entity that has filed with
10	the commissioner an application for a limited lines travel
11	insurance producer license in a form and manner prescribed by
12	the commissioner. Each limited lines travel insurance producer
13	shall be licensed to sell, solicit, or negotiate travel
14	insurance through a licensed travel insurer. No person shall
15	act as a limited lines travel insurance producer or travel
16	retailer unless properly licensed or registered, respectively.
17	(b) No travel retailer shall offer and disseminate travel
18	insurance under a limited lines travel insurance producer
19	business entity license unless:
20	(1) The limited lines travel insurance producer or travel

retailer provides to purchasers of travel insurance:

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