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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

1	SECTION 1. Chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by adding a new section to article 10E to be
3	appropriately designated and to read as follows:
4	"§431:10E- Property insurance; homeowner's insurance;
5	renter's insurance; premium increase; prohibition; penalties.
6	(a) Beginning January 1, 2026, this section shall apply to any
7	insurer offering property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance in
8	the State.
9	(b) Notwithstanding sections 431:14-103 and 431:14-103.3,
10	no insurer shall increase the premium for a policyholder's
11	insurance policy upon renewal; provided that an insurer may
12	increase the premium for a policyholder's insurance policy upon
13	renewal if the insurer:
14	(1) Submits to the policyholder and the commissioner a
15	detailed report containing actuarial data unrelated to
16	natural disasters supporting the proposed premium
17	increase; and

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1	(2) Receives approval from the commissioner before the
2	proposed premium increase takes effect.
3	(c) In addition to any other penalties provided by the
4	laws of the State, any insurer violating this section shall be
5	subjected to a fine of up to \$ and shall be ordered to
6	make restitution to the policyholder whose premium was increased
7	in violation of this section in an amount not less than
8	<u>\$</u> ."
9	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
10	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
11	and shall be repealed on January 1, 2029.

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## Report Title:

Property Insurance; Homeowner's Insurance; Renter's Insurance; Premium Increase; Prohibition; Insurance Commissioner

## Description:

Beginning January 1, 2026, prohibits an insurer of property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance from increasing the premium for a policyholder's insurance policy upon renewal unless the insurer submits a report to the policyholder and Insurance Commissioner and receives approval from the Insurance Commissioner. Establishes penalties. Sunsets 1/1/2029.

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