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**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 123, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO INSURANCE
RECORDS**

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT HERKES, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon I. Ito, State Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner"),
testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
("Department").

The Department supports this version of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to provide add an exemption in Hawaii Revised
Statutes ("HRS") § 431:9A-123(c) for motor vehicle or homeowners insurance records
that must be maintained by insurance producers in their office. The S.D. 1 amends
HRS § 431:9A-123 by adding a new subsection (d) that provides an exemption for
motor vehicle or homeowners' insurance, if the records are: (1) maintained
electronically; (2) accessible by the producer; and (3) available within one business day.

In this age of electronic records, this version of the bill presents a reasonable
compromise and ensures that motor vehicle and homeowner policyholders will have
sufficient access to their policies when the need arises.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE**

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Senate Bill 123, SD 1 Relating to Insurance Records

Chair Herkes and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, I am Rick Tsujimura, representing State Farm Insurance Companies, a mutual company owned by its policyholders.

State Farm supports Senate Bill 123, SD 1 Relating to Insurance Records. The availability and proliferation of records maintained electronically makes the retention of physical paper records unnecessary.

Senate Draft 1 of this bill represents a consensus of the industry and the Insurance Commissioner. Therefore, we respectfully request passage of Senate Bill 123, SD 1 as drafted.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.