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STATE IMPLEMENTS NEW ONLINE FILING SYSTEM FOR COMMERCIAL REGISTERED AGENTS

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) Business Registration Division (BREG) announces a new service that will allow registered agents who represent multiple entities to file as a Commercial Registered Agent (CRA), effective July 1, 2010.

The new filing system will allow a CRA to change their address and other information on one form that will apply to all of the entities that the CRA represents. In the past, if a registered agent representing thousands of entities in Hawai'i changed their street address, the agent had to file a separate address change for each entity with the Business Registration Division. Under the new law approved by Governor Linda Lingle last year (Model Registered Agent Act 2009), the agent would only need to file one address change that would apply to all entities represented by the agent.

The new law also requires all registered agents to have only one Hawai'i address on file. The changes are reflected on the new registration forms for businesses. BREG will accept filings done on both new and old registration forms for a two month grace period, until September 1, 2010. New forms will be available on July 1, at 335 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96813 or online at www.businessregistrations.com.

"The new filing will make doing business as a commercial registered agent in Hawai'i easier while increasing efficiency for the Business Registration Division," said Securities Commissioner Tung Chan. "In addition, adopting the Model Registered Agent Act keeps our State uniform and current with online business registration trends that have been successful in other states across the country."

The department's online registration service is part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's efforts to provide businesses with innovative and efficient online government services.

DCCA's online services are administered through Hawai'i Business Express (HBE). HBE is a multi-agency initiative that provides one-stop online registration services to new and existing businesses and allows the public to buy business registration documents online. Since the creation of HBE, more than 33,000 businesses have been created online in Hawai'i. More information about HBE may be found at <http://hbe.ehawaii.gov>.

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