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DCCA ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE ANNUAL FILING SYSTEM FOR HAWAII BUSINESSES

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) Business Registration Division (BREG) announces a new and improved online system, which makes it easier for businesses registered in the State of Hawaii to complete their annual filings.

The new online annual filings application, located at ehawaii.gov/annuals, offers the following improvements:

- Agent check
- Validation of addresses
- Improved editing functions for officer information
- Ability to click and view sample .pdf's of annual filings
- Better itemization of fees

Information from the annual filings is now directly input into the BREG database, eliminating internal errors from manual inputs and streamlining data integration to deliver faster services.

Last year, 60 percent of businesses in Hawaii submitted their annual filings online, which accounted for more than 35,000 businesses. Since 2005, the total number of online annual filings has increased by almost 10 percent.

“This online service is clearly growing in popularity and provides a much-needed convenience to many Hawaii businesses,” said Commissioner of Securities Tung Chan. “The improved online process will save businesses time and money.”

This online service is one of the many that BREG offers to the Hawaii business community. Other services include business name searches, initial business filings, certificates of good standing and trademark, trade name and service name filings. In addition, Hawaii Business Express, located at hbe.ehawaii.gov, offers a one-stop portal for persons who wish to establish a new business.

The development of this online service is part of the state's overall campaign to improve efficiency by implementing electronic government services. Currently ehawaii.gov has more than 30 online applications that residents, businesses and visitors may use to conduct business with the state government via the Internet.

Hawaii's official Internet portal, www.ehawaii.gov, is managed by Hawaii Information Consortium, LLC (HIC). HIC works with state agencies to enable them to conduct state business online and improve public access to government information.

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