A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR SECURITIES VIOLATIONS COMMITTED AGAINST ELDERS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 485, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "§485- Additional administrative penalties for
- 5 securities violations committed against elders. If a person
- 6 commits a violation under this chapter and the violation is
- 7 directed toward, targets, or is committed against a person who
- 8 at the time of the violation is sixty-two years of age or older,
- 9 the commissioner, in addition to any other administrative
- 10 penalty, may impose an administrative penalty not to exceed
- 11 \$50,000 for each violation; provided that this section shall not
- 12 apply to registered dealers for violations of section
- **13** 485-15(10).
- 14 §485- Additional civil penalties for securities
- 15 violations committed against elders. If a person commits a
- 16 violation under this chapter and the violation is directed
- 17 toward, targets, or is committed against a person who at the



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- 1 time of the violation is sixty-two years of age or older, a
 2 court, in addition to any other civil penalty, may impose a
- 3 civil penalty not to exceed \$50,000 for each violation; provided
- 4 that this section shall not apply to registered dealers for
- 5 violations of section 485-15(10)."
- 6 SECTION 2. Chapter 485A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
- 8 designated and to read as follows:
- 9 "§485A- Additional administrative penalties for
- 10 securities violations committed against elders. If a person
- 11 commits a violation under this chapter and the violation is
- 12 directed toward, targets, or is committed against a person who
- 13 at the time of the violation is sixty-two years of age or older,
- 14 the commissioner, in addition to any other administrative
- 15 penalty, may impose an administrative penalty not to exceed
- 16 \$50,000 for each violation; provided that this section shall not
- 17 apply to registered broker-dealers for violations of section
- 18 485A-412(d)(9).
- 19 <u>\$485A-</u> Additional civil penalties for securities
- 20 violations committed against elders. If a person commits a
- 21 violation under this chapter and the violation is directed
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- 2 court, in addition to any other civil penalty, may impose a
- 3 civil penalty not to exceed \$50,000 for each violation; provided
- 4 that this section shall not apply to registered broker-dealers
- 5 for violations of section 485A-412(d)(9)."
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 8 begun, before its effective date.
- 9 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
- 11 provided that section 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

REPORT Title:

Violations Against Elders

Description:

Adds enhanced civil and administrative penalties for securities violations committed against elders. (SD2)