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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON SUPPLY OF CONTRACTORS AND TRADESMEN IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER TO STUDY THE EXPEDITED LICENSING OR LICENSING EXEMPTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS AND TRADESMEN AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRICE CONTROLS ON BUILDING MATERIALS.

1 WHEREAS, the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and  
2 Rita have elevated the State of Hawaii's concerns over disaster  
3 preparedness; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the efforts to reconstruct and repair damaged  
6 homes and businesses following a natural disaster are critical  
7 to the re-establishment of normalcy in our community; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the gulf hurricanes have shown that there may not  
10 be sufficient numbers of licensed contractors and tradesmen  
11 following a natural disaster; and  
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13 WHEREAS, it is important that the State address the  
14 possibility that there may not be enough licensed tradesmen and  
15 contractors to meet the needs of Hawaii's residents in the event  
16 of a natural disaster; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the emergency licensing of such professionals  
19 requires discussion; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Commerce  
24 and Consumer Affairs is requested to establish a task force on  
25 supply of contractors and tradesmen in times of natural  
26 disaster, to study, in the event of a natural disaster in  
27 Hawaii, the advisability and feasibility of:  
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- 29 (1) Expedited licensure, temporary licensure, or special  
30 circumstances licensure of contractors and tradesmen;



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- 2 (2) Exemption from licensure of contractors and tradesmen;
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- 5 (3) Establishment of price controls on building materials
- 6 and supplies; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be composed of  
9 fifteen members, as follows:

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- 11 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or
- 12 designee, to serve as chair; and
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- 14 (2) The Comptroller, or designee, to serve as co-chair;
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- 16 (3) The Vice Director of Civil Defense, or designee;
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- 18 (4) The Executive Officer of the State Contractors License
- 19 Board;
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- 21 (5) The Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and
- 22 Plumbers;
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- 24 (6) The Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics
- 25 Licensing Board;
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- 27 (7) One representative of an insurer that writes at least
- 28 twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance
- 29 market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;
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- 31 (8) One representative of an insurer that writes less than
- 32 twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance
- 33 market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;
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- 35 (9) One representative of the Property and Casualty
- 36 Insurance Association of America;
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- 38 (10) The Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the
- 39 Regulated Industries Complaints Office, or designee;
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- 41 (11) The Division Administrator of the Professional and
- 42 Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of
- 43 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or designee;
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- 1 (12) The Executive Director of the Office of Consumer
- 2 Protection, or designee;
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- 4 (13) Three representatives of construction materials supply
- 5 houses, appointed by the Director of Commerce and
- 6 Consumer Affairs;
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force members serve  
11 without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and  
14 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of findings and  
15 recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the  
16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
17 the Regular Session of 2007; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of Commerce and  
21 Consumer Affairs, the Comptroller, the Vice Director of Civil  
22 Defense, the Executive Officer of the State Contractors License  
23 Board, the Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and  
24 Plumbers, the Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics  
25 Licensing Board, the Insurance Commissioner, the Property and  
26 Casualty Insurance Association of America, the Complaints and  
27 Enforcement Officer of the Regulated Industries Complaints  
28 Office, the Division Administrator of the Professional and  
29 Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and  
30 Consumer Affairs, the Executive Director of the Office of  
31 Consumer Protection, and the Governor.

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OFFERED BY: *[Signature]*  
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