
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO
ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER EXPEDITED LICENSING OR
LICENSING EXEMPTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS AND TRADESMEN
FOLLOWING A NATURAL DISASTER.

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 are critical to the re-establishment of
7 normalcy in a community after a natural disaster; and
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9 WHEREAS, the gulf coast hurricanes have shown that,
10 generally, there may not be sufficient licensed contractors and
11 tradesmen to repair the damages following a natural disaster;
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14 WHEREAS, accordingly, it is critical that the State address
15 the possibility that there may not be enough licensed tradesmen
16 and contractors to meet the needs of Hawaii's residents in the
17 event of a natural disaster; and
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19 WHEREAS, issues relating to the emergency licensing of
20 construction-related professionals require serious discussion;
21 now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Director of Commerce
26 and Consumer Affairs is requested to establish a task force to
27 consider Hawaii's needs for reconstruction and repair following
28 a natural disaster, including issues related to:
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30 (1) The expedited licensure of contractors and tradesmen;
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- 1 (2) The exemption from licensure of contractors and
- 2 tradesmen; and
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- 4 (3) The establishment of price controls on building
- 5 materials and supplies; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force are
8 requested to include:

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- 10 (1) One person each from:
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 - 12 (A) The State Contractors License Board;
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 - 14 (B) The Board of Electricians and Plumbers; and
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 - 16 (C) The Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board;
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- 18 (2) One person, appointed by the Insurance Commissioner,
- 19 representing an insurer that writes at least twenty
- 20 per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance market;
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- 22 (3) One person, appointed by the Insurance Commissioner,
- 23 representing an insurer that writes less than twenty
- 24 per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance market;
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- 26 (4) One person from the Property and Casualty Insurance
- 27 Association of America;
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- 29 (5) One person from the Regulated Industries Complaint
- 30 Office or a designee;
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- 32 (6) One person from the Professional and Vocational
- 33 Licensing Division or a designee;
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- 35 (7) One person from the Department of Accounting and
- 36 General Services or a designee;
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- 38 (8) The vice director of Civil Defense or a designee;
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- 40 (9) One person from the Office of Consumer Protection or a
- 41 designee;
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- 43 (10) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or a
- 44 designee; and



