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# HOUSE 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, that the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is  
24 requested to establish a task force on supply of contractors and  
25 tradesmen in times of natural disaster, to study, in the event  
26 of a natural disaster in Hawaii, the advisability and  
27 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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1 (2) Exemption from licensure of contractors and tradesmen;  
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4 (3) Establishment of price controls on building materials  
5 and supplies; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be composed of  
8 fifteen members, as follows:  
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10 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or  
11 designee, to serve as chair; and  
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13 (2) The Comptroller, or designee, to serve as co-chair;  
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15 (3) The Vice Director of Civil Defense, or designee;  
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17 (4) The Executive Officer of the State Contractors License  
18 Board;  
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20 (5) The Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and  
21 Plumbers;  
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23 (6) The Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics  
24 Licensing Board;  
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26 (7) One representative of an insurer that writes at least  
27 twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance  
28 market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;  
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30 (8) One representative of an insurer that writes less than  
31 twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance  
32 market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;  
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34 (9) One representative of the Property and Casualty  
35 Insurance Association of America;  
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37 (10) The Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the  
38 Regulated Industries Complaints Office, or designee;  
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40 (11) The Division Administrator of the Professional and  
41 Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of  
42 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 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Commerce and Consumer  
21 Affairs, the Comptroller, the Vice Director of Civil Defense,  
22 the Executive Officer of the State Contractors License Board,  
23 the Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers,  
24 the Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board,  
25 the Insurance Commissioner, the Property and Casualty Insurance  
26 Association of America, the Complaints and Enforcement Officer  
27 of the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, the Division  
28 Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing  
29 Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the  
30 Executive Director of the Office of Consumer Protection, and the  
31 Governor.

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34 OFFERED BY: Jim Frick  
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