
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE
ELECTRICIANS LICENSING BOARD.

1 WHEREAS, it is the State of Hawaii's goal to ensure public
2 safety through the establishment of professional and vocational
3 licensing boards; and

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5 WHEREAS, work in the electrical industry is extremely
6 dangerous, and in the interest of worker and public safety,
7 requires specific licenses with appropriate training; and

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9 WHEREAS, in contrast to all other licensing boards, which
10 focus on a single professional license, the current structure of
11 the combined Board of Electricians and Plumbers governs two
12 completely separate trades; and

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14 WHEREAS, unlike all other professional and vocation
15 licensing boards, in which industry members outnumber public
16 members, on the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, members from
17 the electrical industry are outnumbered by the public members,
18 and the majority of members voting on electrical issues are not
19 from the electrical industry; and

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21 WHEREAS, the National Electrical Code recommends that the
22 majority of board members should be from the electrical
23 industry; now, therefore,

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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
27 of 2006, that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is
28 requested to support efforts to establish a separate licensing
29 board to exclusively govern the electrical industry in the State
30 of Hawaii; and

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