
SENATE 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.

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, it is important that the problems which occurred
19 after Hurricanes Iwa and Iniki must not recur; and

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21 WHEREAS, the State should have in place specific criteria
22 for expedited licensing and licensing exemptions for contractors
23 and tradesmen; and

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25 WHEREAS, the State does not currently have such criteria
26 established by statute or rule; and

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28 WHEREAS, statutory amendments to implement such criteria
29 are necessary; and

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1 WHEREAS, the emergency licensing of such professionals
2 requires discussion; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of
7 Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested to establish a task
8 force on supply of contractors and tradesmen in times of natural
9 disaster, to study, in the event of a natural disaster in
10 Hawaii, the advisability and feasibility of:
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12 (1) Expedited licensure, temporary licensure, or special
13 circumstances licensure of contractors and tradesmen;
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16 (2) Exemption from licensure of contractors and tradesmen;
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be composed of
19 twelve members, as follows:
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21 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or
22 designee, to serve as chair; and
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24 (2) The Executive Officer of the State Contractors License
25 Board;
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27 (3) The Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and
28 Plumbers;
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30 (4) The Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics
31 Licensing Board;
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33 (5) One representative of an insurer that writes at least
34 twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance
35 market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;
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37 (6) The Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the
38 Regulated Industries Complaints Office, or designee;
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40 (7) 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 (8) One representative from the Subcontractors Association
2 of Hawaii;
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4 (9) One representative from the Building Industry
5 Association of Hawaii;
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7 (10) One representative from the General Contractors
8 Association of Hawaii;
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10 (11) One representative from the Associated Builders and
11 Contractors, Inc. - Hawaii Chapter; and
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13 (12) One representative from the Hawaii Association of
14 Realtors;

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force members serve
19 without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
22 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of findings and
23 recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the
24 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
25 the Regular Session of 2007; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
29 and Consumer Affairs, the Executive Officer of the State
30 Contractors License Board, the Executive Officer of the Board of
31 Electricians and Plumbers, the Executive Officer of the Elevator
32 Mechanics Licensing Board, the Insurance Commissioner, the
33 Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the Regulated Industries
34 Complaints Office, the Division Administrator of the
35 Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department
36 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Subcontractors Association
37 of Hawaii, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, the
38 General Contractors Association of Hawaii, the Associated
39 Builders and Contractors, Inc. - Hawaii Chapter, the Hawaii
40 Association of Realtors, and the Governor.

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