
SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-third
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
23 that the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested
24 to establish a task force on supply of contractors and tradesmen
25 in times of natural disaster, to study, in the event of a
26 natural disaster in Hawaii, the advisability and feasibility of:
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28 (1) Expedited licensure, temporary licensure, or special
29 circumstances licensure of contractors and tradesmen;
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31 (2) Exemption from licensure of contractors and tradesmen;
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- (3) Establishment of price controls on building materials and supplies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be composed of fifteen members, as follows:

- (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or designee, to serve as chair; and
- (2) The Comptroller, or designee, to serve as co-chair;
- (3) The Vice Director of Civil Defense, or designee;
- (4) The Executive Officer of the State Contractors License Board;
- (5) The Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers;
- (6) The Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board;
- (7) One representative of an insurer that writes at least twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;
- (8) One representative of an insurer that writes less than twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;
- (9) One representative of the Property and Casualty Insurance Association of America;
- (10) The Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, or designee;
- (11) The Division Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or designee;
- (12) The Executive Director of the Office of Consumer Protection, or designee;



1 (13) Three representatives of construction materials supply
2 houses, appointed by the Director of Commerce and
3 Consumer Affairs;
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force members serve
8 without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
11 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of findings and
12 recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the
13 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
14 the Regular Session of 2007; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Commerce and Consumer
18 Affairs, the Comptroller, the Vice Director of Civil Defense,
19 the Executive Officer of the State Contractors License Board,
20 the Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers,
21 the Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board,
22 the Insurance Commissioner, the Property and Casualty Insurance
23 Association of America, the Complaints and Enforcement Officer
24 of the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, the Division
25 Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing
26 Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the
27 Executive Director of the Office of Consumer Protection, and the
28 Governor.
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