
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.

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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31 WHEREAS, the emergency licensing of such professionals
32 requires discussion; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
 3 that the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested
 4 to establish a task force on supply of contractors and tradesmen
 5 in times of natural disaster, to study, in the event of a
 6 natural disaster in Hawaii, the advisability and feasibility of:

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 8 (1) Expedited licensure, temporary licensure, or special
 9 circumstances licensure of contractors and tradesmen;
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 12 (2) Exemption from licensure of contractors and tradesmen;
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force be composed of
 15 twelve members, as follows:

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 17 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or
 18 designee, to serve as chair; and

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 20 (2) The Executive Officer of the State Contractors License
 21 Board;

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 23 (3) The Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and
 24 Plumbers;

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 26 (4) The Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics
 27 Licensing Board;

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 29 (5) One representative of an insurer that writes at least
 30 twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance
 31 market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;

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 33 (6) The Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the
 34 Regulated Industries Complaints Office, or designee;

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 36 (7) The Division Administrator of the Professional and
 37 Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of
 38 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or designee;

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 40 (8) One representative from the Subcontractors Association
 41 of Hawaii;

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 43 (9) One representative from the Building Industry
 44 Association of Hawaii;



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- 2 (10) One representative from the General Contractors
- 3 Association of Hawaii;
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- 5 (11) One representative from the Associated Builders and
- 6 Contractors, Inc. - Hawaii Chapter; and
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- 8 (12) One representative from the Hawaii Association of
- 9 Realtors;

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force members serve
14 without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and
17 Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of findings and
18 recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the
19 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
20 the Regular Session of 2007; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
24 Consumer Affairs, the Executive Officer of the State Contractors
25 License Board, the Executive Officer of the Board of
26 Electricians and Plumbers, the Executive Officer of the Elevator
27 Mechanics Licensing Board, the Insurance Commissioner, the
28 Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the Regulated Industries
29 Complaints Office, the Division Administrator of the
30 Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department
31 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Subcontractors Association
32 of Hawaii, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, the
33 General Contractors Association of Hawaii, the Associated
34 Builders and Contractors, Inc. - Hawaii Chapter, the Hawaii
35 Association of Realtors, and the Governor.

