

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 1972
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns,
to which was referred H.B. No. 1972 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRICIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that electrical projects are completed safely by clarifying the electrician license classifications for journey worker, journey worker industrial, journey worker specialty, maintenance, supervising, supervising industrial, and supervising specialty electricians.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers testified in support of this measure. The Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., General Contractors Association of Hawaii, and Plumbers and Fitters Local 675 testified in opposition to this measure. Hawaiian Telcom commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the statute be applied to electricians and electrical work throughout the State of Hawaii; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1972, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1972, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business
Concerns,



JON RIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



