

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1554-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2913
S.D. 1
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 Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the proper supervision of electrical and plumbing workers by clarifying the provisions of the contractors law that require a contractor to hire enough licensed electricians and plumbers to allow one-to-one supervision of persons performing plumbing or electrical work.

The Contractors License Board and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1186, supported this bill. Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Hawaii Chapter, opposed the bill. The Regulated Industries Complaints Office of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs commented on the bill.

Your Committee finds that by bringing clarity to a law that is currently confusing and difficult to enforce, this bill will ensure that consumers are provided with safe, high quality electrical and plumbing work.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the redundant phrase "requiring licenses under chapter 448E", to avoid creating additional confusion;

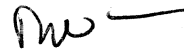
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- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (3) Making additional technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



