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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ESTABLISHING A BUILDING TRADES TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND REVIEW  
JURISDICTIONAL AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE ISSUES BETWEEN THE  
BUILDING TRADES IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the construction industry has always played a  
2 large role in the building and enhancement of Hawaii's economy,  
3 from the days when the construction crane was referred to as the  
4 "state bird", to the recent boom in housing and military  
5 contracts; and

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7           WHEREAS, the construction industry consists of many  
8 building trades, including bricklayers, carpenters, carpet  
9 layers, cement workers, electricians, elevator constructors,  
10 heavy equipment operators, ironworkers, joiners, laborers,  
11 landscape architects, masons, painters, pipefitters, plumbers,  
12 plasterers, tapers, tile layers, and welders; and

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14           WHEREAS, many of these building trades work in conjunction  
15 with each other, often forming a symbiotic relationship that  
16 depends on each trade completing its responsibilities for the  
17 project to reach completion; and

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19           WHEREAS, oversight of some of the building industry  
20 professionals and trades, such as architects, landscape  
21 architects, contractors, electricians, elevator mechanics,  
22 engineers, plumbers, and surveyors, is currently accomplished  
23 through licensing boards within the Professional and Vocational  
24 Licensing Division (PVL) of the Department of Commerce and  
25 Consumer Affairs (DCCA); and

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27           WHEREAS, DCCA also investigates complaints against  
28 professionals licensed by the PVL and protects the public  
29 from unlicensed activities through its Regulated Industries  
30 Complaints Office; and



1 WHEREAS, questions and concerns have been raised by several  
2 of the building trades, particularly electricians, plumbers,  
3 laborers, and landscape architects regarding jurisdictional  
4 issues, oversight, scope of practice, qualifications, and  
5 licensure; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
9 Session of 2007, that a Building Trades Task Force (Task Force)  
10 be established and convened to study and review jurisdictional  
11 and scope of practice issues relating to all building trades in  
12 Hawaii; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Task Force  
15 include:

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17 (1) The chair of the House Committee of Labor and Public  
18 Employment, who shall serve as a co-chair of the Task  
19 Force;  
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21 (2) The chair of the House Committee on Consumer  
22 Protection and Commerce, who shall serve as a co-chair  
23 of the Task Force;  
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25 (3) The Director of DCCA, or a designee;  
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27 (4) The Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial  
28 Relations, or a designee;  
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30 (5) The chair of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers,  
31 or a designee;  
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33 (6) An individual representing the construction industry,  
34 or a designee;  
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36 (7) The President of the International Brotherhood of  
37 Electrical Workers, or a designee;  
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39 (8) The President of the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local  
40 675, or a designee;



(9) The President of the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and

(10) Any other professionals or individuals deemed necessary by the co-chairs of the Task Force;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to review current practices regarding oversight and jurisdiction of electricians and plumbers currently practicing in Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force study and determine whether overlap exists between the scope of practice of electricians and plumbers; and

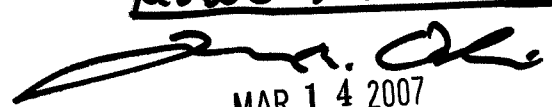
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the Task Force's findings and recommendations no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, the chair of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the President of the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 675, AFL-CIO, and the President of the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368.

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