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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO  
ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON SUPPLY OF CONTRACTORS AND  
TRADESPERSONS IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER TO STUDY THE  
EXPEDITED LICENSING OR LICENSING EXEMPTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS  
AND TRADESPERSONS.

1 WHEREAS, the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and  
2 Rita have elevated the State of Hawaii's concerns about 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 tradespersons  
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 tradespersons  
15 and contractors to meet the needs of Hawaii's residents in the  
16 event of a natural disaster; and  
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18 WHEREAS, it is important that the problems that 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 tradespersons; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the State does not currently have criteria  
26 established by statute or rule; and  
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28 WHEREAS, statutory amendments to implement criteria are  
29 necessary; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the emergency licensing of these professionals  
32 requires discussion; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2007, that the Director of Commerce and Consumer  
4 Affairs is requested to establish a task force on the supply of  
5 contractors and tradespersons in times of natural disaster, to  
6 study, in the event of a natural disaster in Hawaii, the  
7 advisability and feasibility of:

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9 (1) Expedited licensure, temporary licensure, or  
10 special circumstances licensure of contractors  
11 and tradespersons; and  
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13 (2) Exemption from licensure of contractors and  
14 tradespersons; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of  
17 twelve members, as follows:

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19 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or  
20 designee, to serve as chair;  
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22 (2) The Executive Officer of the State Contractors License  
23 Board;  
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25 (3) The Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and  
26 Plumbers;  
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28 (4) The Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics  
29 Licensing Board;  
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31 (5) One representative of an insurer that writes at least  
32 twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance  
33 market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;  
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35 (6) The Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the  
36 Regulated Industries Complaints Office, or designee;  
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38 (7) The Division Administrator of the Professional and  
39 Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of  
40 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or designee;  
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42 (8) One representative from the Subcontractors Association  
43 of Hawaii;



- (9) One representative from the Building Industry Association of Hawaii;
- (10) One representative from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii;
- (11) One representative from the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.-Hawaii Chapter; and
- (12) One representative from the Hawaii Association of Realtors; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested to submit a report of findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty 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, the Executive Officer of the State Contractors License Board, the Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, the Insurance Commissioner, the Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, the Division Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, the Associated Builders and Contractors, the Hawaii Association of Realtors, and the Governor.

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