

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1425
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1425, S.D. 1,
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTOR LICENSING
REQUIREMENTS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure an adequate supply
of licensed contractors is available to perform necessary repairs
and reconstruction work during a state of emergency or disaster by
authorizing the Contractors License Board to issue emergency
contractor licenses under certain circumstances and subject to
certain qualifications.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by
the Department of Defense and State Farm Insurance Companies.
Written comments were submitted by the Contractors License Board
and the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the after effects of hurricanes
Katrina and Rita demonstrated the effects of having a short supply
of skilled and licensed contractors. Currently, if a natural
disaster or other state of emergency were to arise in Hawaii, the
demand for skilled and licensed contractors may exceed the actual
supply. This might lead to people being scammed by unlicensed and
unskilled individuals. The intent of this measure is to protect
consumers by allowing out-of-state contractors, who are licensed
in other jurisdictions and subject to other qualifications, to



obtain emergency contractor licenses in order to perform necessary repair and reconstruction work during a state of emergency or disaster.

Your Committee has amended this measure to require that any applicant for an emergency contractor license must provide proof of workers' compensation insurance for work done in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1425, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1425, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1425 SDI	Committee Referral: IGM, CPH	Date: 2-23-07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes