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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONTRACTORS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 444-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsections (a) and (b) to read:

4 "(a) In addition to any other remedy available, the  
5 investigator [~~may~~] shall issue citations to persons acting in  
6 the capacity of or engaging in the business of a contractor  
7 within the [~~State,~~] state, without having a license [~~previously~~  
8 ~~obtained under and in compliance~~] in good standing in accordance  
9 with this chapter and the rules [~~promulgated~~] adopted  
10 thereunder. If the investigator determines that a person is  
11 acting in the capacity of, or engaging in the business of, a  
12 contractor within this [~~State~~] state without having a license  
13 [~~to so act or engage,~~] in good standing, the investigator [~~may~~]  
14 shall issue a citation and a cease and desist order, as provided  
15 in subsection (b), to [~~such~~] that person.

16 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe  
17 the basis of the citation, including the specific statutory



1 provisions alleged to have been violated, and shall contain an  
2 order to cease and desist from the violation, and an assessment  
3 of civil penalties as provided in section 444-23. The citation  
4 shall also include notice of the sanctions for violating the  
5 cease and desist order. Upon the issuance of a citation, the  
6 person cited shall cease work immediately and shall not resume  
7 until the person cited holds the licenses required under this  
8 chapter to perform the work. All penalties collected under this  
9 section shall be deposited in the special fund established under  
10 section 26-9."

11 2. By amending subsection (j) to read:

12 "(j) The director may apply to the appropriate court for  
13 injunctive or any other relief the court deems appropriate,  
14 including a fine of not less than \$10,000 for each offense,  
15 against any person who has been issued a citation for operating  
16 without a license and who violates a cease and desist order.  
17 Each day's violation or failure to comply with the license  
18 requirements under this chapter or a cease and desist order  
19 shall be deemed a separate offense. The allegations in the  
20 citation shall be deemed conclusively established for purposes  
21 of a proceeding for permanent or temporary relief to enforce the  
22 cease and desist order."



1 SECTION 2. Section 444-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) Except as provided in subsections (a), (b), (d), and  
4 (e), any person who violates or fails to comply with this  
5 chapter shall be fined not less than \$100 or more than \$5,000  
6 for each violation; provided that any person without a license  
7 in good standing with this chapter who violates section 444-9  
8 shall be fined:

9 (1) [~~\$500~~] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day or forty per cent of the total  
10 contract price, whichever is greater, for the first  
11 offense;

12 (2) [~~\$1,000~~] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day or forty per cent of the  
13 total contract price, whichever is greater, for the  
14 second offense; and

15 (3) [~~\$5,000~~] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per day or forty per cent of the  
16 total contract price, whichever is greater, for any  
17 subsequent offense,

18 and when the person is or was a defendant or respondent in a  
19 separate citation or lawsuit filed with or by the department,  
20 all tools, implements, documents, materials, or any other  
21 property used by the person in activities violating section  
22 444-9 shall be subject to forfeiture as provided by section



1 444-23.5 and shall be turned over to the department for  
2 disposition under that section."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Contractors; License Requirements; Citations; Civil Penalties

**Description:**

Amends §444-10.5, HRS, to prohibit the resumption of work for any person who is issued a citation for operating without a contractor's license in good standing until a hearing is conducted, and makes the issuance of citations and cease and desist orders mandatory. Amends penalties. Effective 1/1/2020. (SB2896 HD2)

