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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE, SAFETY, AND HEALTH PHYSICS PROFESSIONS.

WHEREAS, S.B. No. (2009) proposes to regulate the industrial hygiene, safety, and health physics professions, which are presently unregulated; and

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WHEREAS, increasing workplace hazards require a new breed of professionals that can recognize, evaluate, and control those hazards, which can include methamphetamine laboratories, mold invasion, radon, asbestos, and the continued threat of unknown hazards such as the pandemic flu and biological and nuclear terrorism: and

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WHEREAS, it is imperative that individuals purporting to be experts in the control of workplace hazards meet minimum educational standards and experience requirements prior to holding themselves out as occupational and environmental health and safety professionals; and

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WHEREAS, nineteen states have enacted some form of professional recognition to professionals in occupational health and safety whose titles are awarded by independent, nationally accredited bodies; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is respectfully requested to conduct a sunrise review of the industrial hygiene, safety, and health physics professions as proposed to be regulated under S.B. No. (2008); and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2009; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.