

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

690

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1248
S.D. 1

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. 1248 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRICAL LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require applicants for various types of electrical licensing to provide evidence of successful completion of an accredited academic or apprenticeship program covering the principles of electrical theory and the requirements of the National Electric Code, in addition to the current requirements under chapter 448E, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; the Hawaii Electricians Training Fund; K&H Electric, Inc.; MGM Electrical Services; the Electrical Contractor Association of Hawaii; Brilliant Ideas, Inc.; Ron's Electric, Inc.; the Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers; and three individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was received from the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Hawaii, the Plumbers & Fitters United Association, and the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 675.

Your Committee finds that providing the requirement for academic and apprenticeship training for applicants for various types of electrical licensing will ensure that those persons have



the ability to satisfy the level of proficiency required to complete electrical work in a safe manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the new requirements for licensing are to complete an accredited academic program and a five-year apprentice program or have various levels of full-time experience, depending on the type of electrical licensing being sought;
- (2) Changing the effective date to promote further discussion; and
- (3) Providing that the new qualifying requirements for a supervising electrician, a supervising specialty electrician, and a supervising industrial electrician, shall not take effect until four years after the effective date of the measure.

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. 1248, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1248, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

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SB 1248	CPH	2/22/07		
<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	3		1	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>David Y Ige</i>				
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