

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2354

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2325
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2325 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require licensed tradespersons who perform electrical or plumbing work to visibly display their license on their person while at a job site.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Regulated Industries Complaints Office of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Hawaii State AFL-CIO, the Hawaii Laborer's Union, the Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii, the Hawaii Electricians Training Fund, and the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure will facilitate enforcement of licensing statutes by allowing licensed tradespersons to be immediately identifiable at construction job sites. Your Committee finds that this measure serves the interest of public safety by making it immediately apparent when unlicensed persons who have not met government and trade standards and qualifications attempt to pose as licensed individuals. Your Committee notes that the current form of license issued by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, a laminated card of a size that fits into a shirt pocket, is easily convertible to a



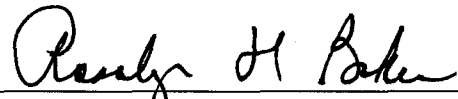
wearable badge that would satisfy the requirements of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the license displayed pursuant to this measure shall be issued by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (2) Specifying that individuals not wearing a license at the time of a site inspection shall not be counted as having a license;
- (3) Including elevator mechanics in the requirements of this measure; and
- (4) Making nonsubstantive technical changes for the purposes of clarity and accuracy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2325, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2325, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



