

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 16, 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2837
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to maintain a level of skill, abilities, and competencies recognized within the electrical industry by revising as of July 1, 2013, the minimum requirements for licensure of electricians.

The Board of Electricians and Plumbers, Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii, and Hawaii Electricians Training Fund testified in support of this bill. The University of Hawaii (UH) community colleges offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring satisfactory completion of any coursework requirements that is accepted by a UH community college offering an appropriate program of study, rather than only by Honolulu Community College;
- (2) Requiring applicants for the journey worker specialty electrician examination to have satisfactorily completed 120 hours, rather than 200 hours, of electrical academic coursework;



- (3) Requiring applicants for the maintenance electrician examination to have satisfactorily completed at least 80 hours, rather than 40 hours, of electrical academic coursework; and
- (4) Requiring applicants for the journey worker industrial electrician examination to have satisfactorily completed 200 hours, rather than 100 hours, of electrical academic coursework.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,



JERRY L. CHING, Chair



