
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELEVATOR SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Recent state budget cuts have resulted in a
2 severe shortage of state elevator inspectors. There are
3 presently only seven elevator inspectors who are responsible for
4 overseeing the State's six thousand seven hundred elevators and
5 related systems, seventy-eight per cent of which have expired
6 operating permits. The backlog for inspections is between three
7 and four years. Although the State has restored funding for ten
8 elevator inspector positions, there is still a shortage of
9 inspectors, which poses a serious risk to public safety. The
10 legislature finds that at a time when the State is looking for
11 ways to stretch every tax dollar, authorizing third party
12 elevator inspectors to perform elevator safety inspections would
13 improve public safety and lessen the economic burden on the
14 State and its taxpayers.

15 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
16 labor and industrial relations to authorize third party elevator
17 inspectors to perform elevator safety inspections required by
18 law.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 397, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§397- Third party elevator inspectors. (a) The
5 department shall authorize private third party elevator
6 inspectors to perform elevator safety inspections required under
7 this chapter. Any private third party elevator inspector
8 authorized to perform elevator safety inspections shall be held
9 to the highest standards of professionalism, quality, and ethics
10 and shall meet the requirements provided under section 397-6(d).

11 (b) Any safety inspection performed by a private third
12 party elevator inspector pursuant to this section shall have the
13 same force and effect of an inspection performed by a deputy
14 elevator inspector who is subject to section 397-6(c) and (d).

15 (c) A private third party elevator inspector may charge a
16 reasonable fee for the inspection, examination, and other
17 services rendered relating to the elevator safety requirements
18 established under this chapter and any rule adopted pursuant to
19 chapter 91 to implement this chapter; provided that any revenue
20 realized from the collection of any fee charged and collected
21 for a permit, certificate, or license required by section 397-5



1 shall be remitted by the private third party elevator inspector
2 to the director for deposit into the general fund."

3 SECTION 3. Section 397-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 "(c) All safety inspections required under this chapter of
6 elevators and kindred equipment shall be performed by deputy
7 elevator inspectors of the department or authorized private
8 third party elevator inspectors who are qualified elevator
9 inspectors and who are employed primarily for purposes of
10 elevator and related inspection work."

11 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Elevators; Third Party Elevator Inspectors

Description:

Requires DLIR to authorize private third party elevator inspectors. Provides minimum standards for private third party elevator inspectors.

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