
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE
REGULATION OF PLUMBER AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION
PIPEFITTERS, PLUMBER FIRE SPRINKLER PIPEFITTERS, AND
PLUMBER SOLAR-THERMAL TECHNICIANS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that plumber air
2 conditioning and refrigeration pipefitters, plumber fire
3 sprinkler pipefitters, and plumber solar-thermal technicians are
4 currently not required to have any type of certification or
5 license to practice these occupations; and

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7 WHEREAS, the rise in demand for more efficient energy
8 systems has resulted in the increasing popularity of and need
9 for the occupations of plumber air conditioning and
10 refrigeration pipefitters, plumber fire sprinkler pipefitters,
11 and plumber solar-thermal technicians; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the average person
14 lacks the necessary knowledge or experience to determine whether
15 the work of a plumber air conditioning and refrigeration
16 pipefitter, plumber fire sprinkler pipefitter, or plumber solar-
17 thermal technician is competent and safe; and

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19 WHEREAS, it is crucial to prevent unscrupulous and
20 unqualified persons from acting as plumber air conditioning and
21 refrigeration pipefitters, plumber fire sprinkler pipefitters,
22 and plumber solar-thermal technicians from taking advantage of
23 customers; and

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25 WHEREAS, the scope of work and specific qualifications for
26 a plumber air conditioning and refrigeration pipefitter, plumber
27 fire sprinkler pipefitter, and plumber solar-thermal technician
28 are detailed in the following manuals: the Uniform Plumbing Code
29 (2006); Uniform Mechanical Code (2006); and Uniform Solar Energy



1 Code (2006), as published by the International Association of
2 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the regulation of
5 plumber air conditioning and refrigeration pipefitters, plumber
6 fire sprinkler pipefitters, and plumber solar-thermal
7 technicians is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of
8 the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
13 conduct a sunrise review of the regulation of plumber air
14 conditioning and refrigeration pipefitters, plumber fire
15 sprinkler pipefitters, and plumber solar-thermal technicians;
16 and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
19 submit the Auditor's findings and recommendations and any
20 proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty
21 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the
25 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

