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

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25           WHEREAS, the scope of work and specific qualifications for  
26 a plumber air condition and refrigeration pipefitter, plumber  
27 fire sprinkler pipefitter, and plumber solar-thermal technician  
28 are detailed in the current manuals but not limited to the  
29 following: the Uniform Plumbing Code; the Uniform Mechanical



1 Code; and the Uniform Solar Energy Code, as published by the  
2 International Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO); 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 solar-thermal technicians is  
7 necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of  
8 this State; 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 solar-thermal technicians including  
16 an assessment of alternative forms of regulation, pursuant to  
17 section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
20 submit findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation  
21 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
22 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the  
26 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

