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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS.

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

1           SECTION 1. According to the report, "Elevator Equipment  
2   Inspection Standards Affecting Public Safety" (Dynamic Elevator  
3   Systems, LLC, August 25, 2011), there is a backlog of three to  
4   seven years of inspections that pose serious public safety  
5   problems. Of the State's six thousand seven hundred elevators  
6   and related systems, seventy-eight per cent have expired  
7   operating permits. The backlog is caused in significant part by  
8   the cutback in elevator inspector positions due to the State's  
9   budget constraints. The legislature finds that qualified third-  
10   party elevator inspectors are needed to assist state employee  
11   elevator inspectors in making elevator safety inspections as  
12   required by law.

13           The legislature further finds that existing law allows only  
14   employees of the department of labor and industrial relations to  
15   qualify as elevator inspectors. A possible solution would be to  
16   allow qualified third-party elevator inspectors, in addition to  
17   state-employed inspectors, to conduct elevator inspections to  
18   alleviate the problem.



1           The purpose of this Act is to allow qualified third-party  
2 elevator inspectors to conduct elevator inspections in all  
3 incidents when state-employed inspectors are unable to do so.

4           SECTION 2. Section 397-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

6           "(c) All [~~safety~~] inspections [~~required under this~~  
7 ~~chapter~~] of elevators and kindred equipment required under this  
8 chapter for the permit to operate under section 397-4 and  
9 continued operation of elevators and kindred equipment shall be  
10 performed by [~~deputy~~]:

11           (1) Deputy elevator inspectors of the department who are  
12 qualified elevator inspectors and who are employed  
13 primarily for purposes of elevator and related  
14 inspection work [~~-~~]; or

15           (2) Qualified third-party elevator inspectors, not  
16 employed by the State, whose services are procured by  
17 the department pursuant to chapter 103D to provide  
18 elevator and related inspection work in instances when  
19 a timely elevator inspection by deputy elevator  
20 inspectors of the department is not feasible; provided  
21 that the third-party elevator inspector meets the  
22 requirements under subsection (d).



1        The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
2        necessary to carry out the purposes of this section."

3        SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4        and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 2401

**Report Title:**

Elevator Inspections; Third-Party Inspectors

**Description:**

Authorizes the department of labor and industrial relations to use qualified third-party elevator inspectors when necessary.

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