

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DETERMINE AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT PROCEDURE TO ENSURE THAT OUT-OF-STATE DESIGN PROFESSIONALS PRACTICING IN HAWAII ARE PAYING APPROPRIATE STATE TAXES.

WHEREAS, design professionals include professional 1 architects, engineers, land surveyors, and licensed landscape 2 architects who are licensed under chapter 464, Hawaii Revised 3 Statutes; and 4 5 WHEREAS, design professionals provide various services to 6 individuals and businesses in the State and are compensated for 7 8 their services; and 9 10 WHEREAS, out-of-state design professionals are subject to the same laws and requirements as in-state design professionals 11 to file and pay state taxes on all compensation received from 12 services provided within the State; and 13 14 WHEREAS, there is a concern that out-of-state design 15 professionals and their respective firms may not be filing and 16 paying the appropriate state taxes in a timely manner; and 17 18 WHEREAS, if out-of-state design professionals and their 19 respective firms continue to be delinquent on tax payments, it 20 may provide a disincentive for Hawaii firms to file and pay 21 taxes in a timely manner; and 22 23 WHEREAS, out-of-state design professionals and their 24 25 respective firms who have provided services in the State should pay the required taxes just as design professionals and firms 26 that are located in the State do; now, therefore, 27 28



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1	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2	Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 4	Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Taxation, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce and
4 5	Consumer Affairs, is requested to convene a working group to
6	determine an effective and efficient policy to ensure that out-
7	of-state design professionals and their respective firms file
8	and pay appropriate state taxes in a timely manner; and
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10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
11	to include among its members stakeholders from the professional
12	architect, engineer, land surveyor, and landscape architect
13	community; and
14 15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Taxation is
16	requested to select as members of the working group a
17	representative of:
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19	(1) Department of Taxation, who is requested to serve as
20	chair of the working group;
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22	(2) Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs,
23 24	Professional and Vocational Licensing Division;
25	(3) American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii;
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27	(4) Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers;
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29 20	(5) American Institute of Architects;
30 31	(6) Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii; and
32	(b) Structural Engineers Association of Nawall, and
33	(7) American Society of Landscape Architects, Hawaii
34	Chapter; and
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36	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
37	to submit a report of its findings, recommendations, and
38	proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than twenty
39 40	days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
40 41	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42	Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
43	Taxation, Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, President
44	of the Board of Directors of American Council of Engineering
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1 Companies of Hawaii, President of Hawaii Society of Professional

- 2 Engineers, President of American Institute of Architects
- 3 Honolulu, President of Structural Engineers Association of
- 4 Hawaii, and President of the American Society of Landscape
- 5 Architects, Hawaii Chapter.
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OFFERED BY:



