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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONTRACTORS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that electrical  
2 contractors are responsible for managing the technical aspects  
3 of electrical work. The legislature also finds that electrical  
4 work may pose hazards related to public and worker safety.  
5 Therefore, individuals and entities applying to be licensed as  
6 electrical contractors should demonstrate the necessary level of  
7 training and knowledge to possess a trade license to perform  
8 electrical work in accordance with chapter 448E, Hawaii Revised  
9 Statutes.

10           The purpose of this Act is to protect the public and  
11 promote worker safety by requiring electrical contractors to  
12 possess a trade license to perform electrical work in the State  
13 of Hawaii.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
16 and to read as follows:

17           "§444-       Licensing of electrical contractors, pole and  
18 line contractors, high voltage electrical contractors, and



1 electronic systems contractors; minimum qualifications. (a)  
2 Effective July 1, 2013, any person applying for a license as an  
3 electrical contractor, pole and line contractor, or high voltage  
4 electrical contractor shall possess, at minimum, a journey  
5 worker electrician license pursuant to chapter 448E.

6 (b) Effective July 1, 2013, any person applying for a  
7 license as an electronic systems contractor shall possess, at  
8 minimum, a journey worker specialty electrician license pursuant  
9 to chapter 448E.

10 (c) All employees of a public utility within the State  
11 under a franchise or charter granted by the State which is  
12 regulated by the public utilities commission and community  
13 antennae television company, while so employed, shall be exempt  
14 from this section."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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**Report Title:**

Contractors; Electrical Work; Licensing Requirements

**Description:**

Requires any person applying for a license as an electrical contractor, pole and line contractor, high voltage electrical contractor, or electronic systems contractor to possess a trade license to perform electrical work in the State. Provides an exemption for employees of a public utility within the State.  
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