

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1175

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 22, 2013

RE: S.B. No. 512  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Labor & Public Employment and Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 512, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide a limited exemption to the licensing requirements for certain individuals in situations where an electric utility must retain qualified individuals to work with high voltage who are not licensed in the State, but otherwise deemed qualified by the electric utility.

The Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawaii Electric Light Company, and Maui Electric Company supported this measure. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers supported the intent of this measure. The Contractors License Board and Board of Electricians and Plumbers opposed this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the limited exemption applies to employees of a licensed contractor and that the contractor be retained by a public utility that is regulated by the Public Utilities Commission;

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- (2) Providing that the individuals exempted shall not be less qualified than the public utility's own employees who perform such high voltage electrical work;
- (3) Providing that the employees qualifying of the limited exemption who are employed by a licensed contractor that is retained by the public utility shall not be counted in calculating the percentage of licensed employees at a job site; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Public Employment and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 512, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 512, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Labor & Public  
Employment and Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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CHRIS LEE, Chair



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MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair





