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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE  
CREATION OF A STRUCTURAL LICENSING BOARD.

1           WHEREAS, worker and public safety are unduly put in  
2 jeopardy when a contractor is allowed to employ unqualified  
3 workers to install and erect structural steel; and  
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5           WHEREAS, current contractor licensing laws are insufficient  
6 to ensure the safety and qualifications of workers who install  
7 and erect structural steel and allow contractors to jeopardize  
8 worker safety by employing workers who are not qualified to  
9 install and erect structural steel; and  
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11           WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is one of  
12 the most dangerous jobs in the United States and is often  
13 performed at great heights, where a fall on the job can lead to  
14 fatalities or serious injuries or both; and  
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16           WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is an  
17 incredibly demanding job that requires specialized skills to  
18 handle heavy steel; and  
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20           WHEREAS, appropriate worker and supervisor training and  
21 experience are necessary to ensure a safe work environment for  
22 the installation and erection of structural steel; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the Contractors License Board is not set up to  
25 specifically address the specialized licensing needs and  
26 concerns that involve structural steel erection; and  
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28           WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to expect a board of thirteen  
29 volunteers that comprise the Contractors License Board, none of  
30 whom currently possess the qualifications to erect structural



1 steel, to be well versed in the very specific requirements of  
2 installation and erection of structural steel; and

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4 WHEREAS, there are four license classifications under the  
5 purview of the Contractors License Board that critically involve  
6 the specialty expertise of a structural steel worker, namely C-  
7 38 post tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural  
8 steel, and C-56 welding, which should be regulated under a  
9 specialized Structural Licensing Board that is responsive to the  
10 needs of this specialized work; and

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12 WHEREAS, the public's health, safety, and welfare is unduly  
13 put at risk given the lack of a Structural Licensing Board with  
14 specialized expertise in the particular working conditions and  
15 skill sets relevant to these license categories; and

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17 WHEREAS, the State has a history of protecting the public's  
18 health, safety, and welfare through the creation of specialty  
19 license boards, such as the Board of Electricians and Plumbers;  
20 now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
25 requested to prepare a report that makes statutory revision  
26 recommendations for the creation of a Structural License Board  
27 modeled after the Board of Electricians and Plumbers; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
30 include the following in the report:

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32 (1) A feasibility determination for the creation of a  
33 Structural Licensing Board;  
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35 (2) Suggested amendments or modifications to the practice  
36 of issuing C-38 post tensioning, C-41 reinforcing  
37 steel, C-48 structural steel, and C-56 welding  
38 licenses;  
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40 (3) A brief description of the process the Auditor used in  
41 making its findings and recommendations in the report;



1 (4) The recommendations and information provided by all  
 2 stakeholders that participated in the process and  
 3 justifications for why recommendations of stakeholders  
 4 were included or not in the Auditor's final  
 5 recommendations; and  
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7 (5) An estimate of the cost for the creation of a  
 8 Structural Licensing Board; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor consult with  
 11 relevant stakeholders, including the Hawaii Iron Workers  
 12 Stabilization Fund, Hawaii Iron Workers Union Local 625, the  
 13 Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, the Contractors  
 14 License Board, the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the  
 15 Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, and contractors that  
 16 hold C-38 post tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel, C-48  
 17 structural steel, or C-56 welding licenses to determine the  
 18 necessity of the creation of a Structural Licensing Board; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
 21 Bureau is requested to assist the Auditor in preparing the  
 22 report, including any recommendations for amendments to chapter  
 23 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes; the Auditor is requested to submit  
 24 its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for  
 25 proposed legislation, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no  
 26 later than November 1, 2016; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
 29 submit a final report, including any statutory recommendations,  
 30 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
 31 convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of  
 35 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Acting Director of the  
 36 Legislative Reference Bureau, Governor, Vice-Chairperson of the  
 37 Board of Electricians and Plumbers, and Chairperson of the  
 38 Contractors License Board.  
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