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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF
CREATING A STRUCTURAL LICENSE BOARD.

1 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is an
2 incredibly demanding job that requires specialized skills to
3 handle heavy steel; and
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5 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is
6 considered to be one of the most dangerous jobs in the United
7 States, in part because workers must often install and erect
8 steel structures hundreds of feet above the ground; and
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10 WHEREAS, worker and public safety are put in jeopardy when
11 a contractor employs unqualified workers to install and erect
12 structural steel because unsatisfactory work could lead to a
13 building collapse; and
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15 WHEREAS, current contractor license requirements are
16 insufficient to ensure the safety of workers who install and
17 erect structural steel; and
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19 WHEREAS, there are four license classifications under the
20 Contractors License Board's purview that critically involve the
21 expertise of a structural engineer: C-38 post tensioning, C-41
22 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural steel, and C-56 welding; and
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24 WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to expect the thirteen
25 volunteers who comprise the Contractors License Board, none of
26 whom currently possess the qualifications to erect structural
27 steel, to be fully apprised of the very specific requirements of
28 installing and erecting of structural steel; and
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30 WHEREAS, these four license classifications should be
31 transferred to the jurisdiction of a yet-to-be-created
32 structural license board to ensure that workers installing and



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1 erecting steel structures possess the necessary experience and
2 qualifications; and

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4 WHEREAS, the State has a history of protecting the public's
5 health, safety, and welfare through the creation of specialty
6 license boards, namely, the Board of Electricians and Plumbers;
7 now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
11 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
12 requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of creating a
13 structural license board modeled after the Board of Electricians
14 and Plumbers; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
17 consult with relevant stakeholders, including the Hawaii Iron
18 Workers' Stabilization Fund, Hawaii Iron Workers Union Local
19 625, Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council,
20 Contractors License Board, Board of Electricians and Plumbers,
21 Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, and companies that
22 hold licenses for C-38 post tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel,
23 C-48 structural steel, or C-56 welding; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
26 include the following in the report:

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- 28 (1) A feasibility determination for the creation of a
29 structural license board;
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31 (2) Suggested amendments or modifications to the practice
32 of issuing licenses for the following classifications:
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 - 34 (A) C-38 post tensioning;
 - 35 (B) C-41 reinforcing steel;
 - 36 (C) C-48 structural steel; and
 - 37 (D) C-56 welding license;
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- 1 (3) A recommendation on licensure fees, including the
2 possibility of increased amounts above any fees
3 currently paid by individuals for a C-38, C-41, C-48,
4 or C-56 license, if any;
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- 6 (4) A brief description of the process the Auditor used in
7 making its findings and recommendations in the report;
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- 9 (5) The testimony of all stakeholders that participated in
10 the process and justifications for why recommendations
11 of stakeholders were included or excluded in the final
12 recommendations;
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- 14 (6) An estimate of the cost to create a structural license
15 board; and
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- 17 (7) Any proposed legislation; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
20 transmit a draft report, including recommendations for proposed
21 legislation, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no later than
22 November 1, 2016; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
25 Bureau is requested to assist the Auditor in drafting any
26 proposed legislation; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
29 submit a final report, including any recommendations for
30 amendments to chapter 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and other
31 chapters, if any, to the Legislature no later than twenty days
32 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
36 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Auditor, Director of the
37 Legislative Reference Bureau, Chairperson of the Board of
38 Electricians and Plumbers, Chairperson of the Contractors
39 License Board, Director of the Hawaii Iron Workers'
40 Stabilization Fund, Business Manager of the Iron Workers Union
41 Local 625, President of the Hawaii Building and Construction



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1 Trades Council, and President of the Structural Engineers
2 Association of Hawaii.
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