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SENATE 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
33 erecting steel structures possess the necessary experience and
34 qualifications; and

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1 WHEREAS, the State has a history of protecting the public's
2 health, safety, and welfare through the creation of specialty
3 license boards, namely, the Board of Electricians and Plumbers;
4 now, therefore,
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
8 that the Auditor is requested to conduct a study on the
9 feasibility of creating a structural license board modeled after
10 the Board of Electricians and Plumbers; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
13 consult with relevant stakeholders, including the Hawaii Iron
14 Workers' Stabilization Fund, Hawaii Iron Workers Union Local
15 625, Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council,
16 Contractors License Board, Board of Electricians and Plumbers,
17 Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, and companies that
18 hold licenses for C-38 post tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel,
19 C-48 structural steel, or C-56 welding; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
22 include the following in the report:
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- 24 (1) A feasibility determination for the creation of a
25 structural license board;
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27 (2) Suggested amendments or modifications to the practice
28 of issuing licenses for the following classifications:
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30 (A) C-38 post tensioning;
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32 (B) C-41 reinforcing steel;
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34 (C) C-48 structural steel; and
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36 (D) C-56 welding license;
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38 (3) A recommendation on licensure fees, including the
39 possibility of increased amounts above any fees
40 currently paid by individuals for a C-38, C-41, C-48,
41 or C-56 license, if any;
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- 1 (4) A brief description of the process the Auditor used in
- 2 making its findings and recommendations in the report;
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- 4 (5) The testimony of all stakeholders that participated in
- 5 the process and justifications for why recommendations
- 6 of stakeholders were included or excluded in the final
- 7 recommendations;
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- 9 (6) An estimate of the cost to create a structural license
- 10 board; and
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- 12 (7) Any proposed legislation; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 15 transmit a draft report, including recommendations for proposed
 16 legislation, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no later than
 17 November 1, 2016; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
 20 Bureau is requested to assist the Auditor in drafting any
 21 proposed legislation; and

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

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 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Commerce
 31 and Consumer Affairs, Auditor, Director of the Legislative
 32 Reference Bureau, Chairperson of the Board of Electricians and
 33 Plumbers, Chairperson of the Contractors License Board, Director
 34 of the Hawaii Iron Workers' Stabilization Fund, Business Manager
 35 of the Iron Workers Union Local 625, President of the Hawaii
 36 Building and Construction Trades Council, and President of the
 37 Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii.

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