

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 3, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 129
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 129 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Contractors License Board, for purposes of vocational licensing, to accept reasonably equivalent knowledge, training, or applicant experience in lieu of license specific experience requirements.

The Ironworkers Stabilization Fund testified in support of this measure. The Contractors License Board, International Union of Elevator Constructors, Hawaii Construction Alliance, Building Industry Association of Hawaii, and Pacific Resource Partnership testified in opposition to this measure.

To address concerns raised at the public hearing, your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the reasonably equivalent knowledge, training, and applicant experience licensing substitutes that the Contractors License Board may accept under this measure do not apply to elevator mechanics. However, given the licensing scheme for elevator mechanics under chapter 448H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, there remains a question whether this amendment is necessary. Accordingly, should the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce choose to deliberate on this measure further, your



Committee respectfully requests that it consider whether the amendment should be deleted.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 129, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 129, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 129	Committee Referral: LAB, CPL, JUD	Date: 1/29/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				✓
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. ICHIYAMA, Linda				✓
6. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
7. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
8. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
11. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.		✓		
TOTAL (11)	8	1		2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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