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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, the Legislature believes that construction  
2 industry review boards, such as the Contractors License Board  
3 (CLB), are necessary to protect the welfare and safety of the  
4 general public; and

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6           WHEREAS, the CLB has since created more than 80  
7 subcontractor license subcategories and is in charge of  
8 administering and issuing those construction licenses; and

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10          WHEREAS, the Legislature has also established a special  
11 Board of Electricians and Plumbers, to reduce the amount of  
12 license requests the CLB has to review and administer; and

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14          WHEREAS, the CLB is currently not set up to specifically  
15 address the specialized licensing needs and concerns that  
16 involve constructing specialized structures; and

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18          WHEREAS, a structural engineer must ensure that the  
19 subcontractors and workers assigned to install and erect  
20 specialized structures have sufficient knowledge and experience  
21 to ensure a safe work environment for the installation and  
22 construction using structural steel; and

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24          WHEREAS, there are at least eight license classifications  
25 under the CLB, namely, C-6 carpentry framing, C-31 masonry, C-32  
26 ornamental, guardrail, and fencing, C-35 pile driving, pile and  
27 caisson drilling, and foundation, C-38 post tensioning, C-41  
28 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural steel, and C-56 welding,  
29 which should be regulated under a new specialized Structural  
30 Licensing Board that is responsive to the needs of this  
31 specialized type of work; and



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1           WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to expect the CLB to be  
 2 knowledgeable in the specific requirements of installing and  
 3 constructing specialized structures; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the public's health,  
 6 safety, and welfare may be unduly put at risk without a  
 7 Structural Licensing Board; now, therefore,  
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9           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 10 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 11 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to  
 12 conduct a feasibility study for the creation of a Structural  
 13 Licensing Board; and  
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15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
 16 include the following in its study:  
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- 18           (1) A determination on the feasibility of creating a  
 19 Structural Licensing Board;  
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- 21           (2) An estimate of the number of individuals who may be  
 22 granted a license by the proposed Structural Licensing  
 23 Board;  
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- 25           (3) The amount of time currently spent on reviewing  
 26 specialized license applicants and whether the  
 27 proposed Structural Licensing Board will reduce the  
 28 amount of time spent on reviewing and processing those  
 29 applicants;  
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- 31           (4) An estimate of the cost for the creation of a  
 32 Structural Licensing Board;  
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- 34           (5) Suggested amendments or modifications to the practice  
 35 of issuing C-6 carpentry framing, C-31 masonry, C-32  
 36 ornamental, guardrail, and fencing, C-35 pile driving,  
 37 pile and caisson drilling, and foundation, C-38 post  
 38 tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural  
 39 steel, and C-56 welding licenses;  
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- 1 (6) A review of:
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- 3 (A) Construction licensing laws in other states,
- 4 including laws regulating structural licensing
- 5 boards;
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- 7 (B) Best practices in the State's construction
- 8 industry; and
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- 10 (C) Current regulations for specialized structural
- 11 construction workers in the State; and
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- 13 (7) A brief description of the process the Auditor used in
- 14 making findings and recommendations in the feasibility
- 15 study; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor shall consult with  
 18 all relevant stakeholders, including relevant construction  
 19 companies and unions, the Hawaii Building and Construction  
 20 Trades Council, the Contractors License Board, the Board of  
 21 Electricians and Plumbers, the Structural Engineers Association  
 22 of Hawaii, and contractors to determine the necessity of the  
 23 creation of a Structural Licensing Board; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
 26 submit a final report on the feasibility study, including any  
 27 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
 28 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director  
 32 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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 35 OFFERED BY:




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