
HOUSE 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



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, 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 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Director of
 32 Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
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OFFERED BY: *Jahar. Bm*

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