

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2018

MAR 23

RE: S.B. No. 2494
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred S.B. No. 2494, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELEVATOR MECHANICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen regulatory
oversight of the licensed profession of elevator mechanics by:

- (1) Amending the requirements and qualifications for
licensure of elevator mechanics, including examination,
license renewal, and continuing education;
- (2) Clarifying the permissible scope of work of elevator
mechanics, including remote interactions; and
- (3) Clarifying the powers and duties of the Elevator
Mechanics Licensing Board (Board), including the
issuance of temporary permits by the Board.

The Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board and International
Union of Elevator Constructors, Local 126 testified in support of
this measure. KONE Inc., thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation,
National Elevator Industry, Inc., Otis Elevator Company, and



Mitsubishi Electric US, INC Elevators and Escalators testified in opposition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that employees of a contractor, rather than an elevator contractor, duly licensed in this State shall be exempt from licensure as an elevator mechanic when performing certain types of work;
- (2) Changing the definition of "conveyance" to be consistent with the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law;
- (3) Amending the definition of "apprentice elevator mechanic";
- (4) Clarifying that a person seeking licensure as an elevator mechanic shall have completed an apprenticeship program registered with:
 - (A) Any state apprenticeship agency recognized by the United States Department of Labor; or
 - (B) The Office of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2494, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2494, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,

R. Takumi

ROY M. TAKUMI, Chair



