

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2447
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Tourism, to which was referred H.B. No. 2447 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a new licensing regime for boiler inspectors and elevator inspectors, including the creation of the Boiler and Elevator Inspectors Board;
- (2) Transfer the licensing of boiler inspectors and elevator inspectors from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Board; and
- (3) Clarify that any inspection required under the Boiler and Elevator Safety Law, including inspections required to be done by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, may be directed to be completed by licensed qualified boiler inspectors or licensed qualified elevator inspectors.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the



Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that establishing a new licensing regime would ensure that the boiler and elevator inspectors meet appropriate training requirements and qualifications to be licensed as inspectors. Currently the inspectors are all state employees and there are not enough inspectors to fully comply with the regulatory inspections of all elevators and other types of devices in need of inspection.

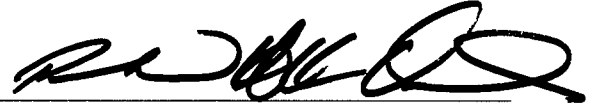
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Boiler and Elevator Inspectors Board shall be administratively placed in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (2) Specifying the method of appointment of members to the Boiler and Elevator Inspectors Board;
- (3) Extending the specific date for which commissions to inspect and certificates of competency relating to boiler inspectors or elevator inspectors shall remain valid to December 31, 2024;
- (4) Changing the effective date to December 25, 2040, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2447, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2447, 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 & Tourism,



RICHARD H.K. ONISHI, Chair



