

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

795

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 102

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.B. No. 102 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize for licensure as
a professional engineer, a person who:

- (1) Is a graduate of a school or college approved as of
satisfactory standing by the State Board of Professional
Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape
Architects (Board);
- (2) Has completed an engineering curriculum of four years or
more;
- (3) Has had four years of full-time or equivalent part-time
professional level government employment performing
lawful experience in review of engineered plans and
calculations under the direct supervision of a properly
licensed professional engineer; and
- (4) Has successfully passed a written examination prescribed
by the Board.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Your Committee finds that local government agencies are having difficulty recruiting and retaining engineers, as the agencies are unable to compete with private industries and federal agencies that can offer a substantially larger salary to engineers. Your Committee further finds that professional level government engineering experience entails a suitable and comprehensive standard of competency in engineering through the required review and approval of engineering projects under pertinent codes, ordinances, and laws. This measure incentivizes new engineering graduates to pursue an engineering career in local government by providing eligibility for licensure as a professional engineer through the use of relevant professional-level government employment that is directly supervised by a properly licensed professional engineer.

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 H.B. No. 102 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



