

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 55

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 55
entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW
OF THE BOILER AND ELEVATOR INSPECTION BRANCH TO INCREASE
PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Human Resources Development to conduct a comprehensive review of
the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Boiler and
Elevator Inspection Branch to increase personnel recruitment and
retention.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Waltz
Engineering, Inc.; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME
Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawaiian Electric; Otis Elevator Company;
National Elevator Industry, Inc.; International Union of Elevator
Constructors, Local 126; and two individuals. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Human
Resources Development.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Labor and
Industrial Relations has oversight and conducts inspections of
pressure retaining items, such as boilers, pressure vessels,

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pressure systems, amusement rides, elevators, and kindred equipment, to ensure their safe operation. The inspections conducted by the Department's Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch are an essential service to ensure public safety. Your Committee further finds that the Branch is severely understaffed, resulting in a backlog of safety inspections of elevators and other equipment. Your Committee believes that a comparative analysis of the operations and staffing of the Department's Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch and similar regulatory branches in other states may offer valuable insights for resolving the staffing shortage and improving the efficacy of the Branch.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 55 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor,


JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair



State of Hawaii
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">SCR 55</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">LAB</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">4-11-25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (C)	—			
2. LEE, Mike (VC)	—			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				—
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	—			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	—			
6. REYES ODA, Julie	—			
TOTAL (6)	5			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 100px;">J. S.</div>				
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