

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 37

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor and Technology, to which was referred  
S.R. No. 37 entitled:

"SENATE 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 and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Human Resources Development to conduct a  
comprehensive review of the 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; Hawaii  
Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and  
National Elevator Industry, Inc.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee finds that a lack of qualified elevator  
inspectors in the State is negatively impacting local private  
businesses and the regulatory work of the Boiler and Elevator  
Inspection Branch of the Occupational Safety and Health Division  
of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. The Branch  
struggles to recruit and retain qualified personnel due to



outdated hiring practices and significant pay differentials with the private sector. Due to the staffing shortage, the Branch has been forced to adopt a triage-style approach to inspections that prioritizes new construction but fails to stem the growing backlog of uninspected elevators. The inspection backlog exacerbates construction delays, increases costs, and risks public safety. This measure will address the backlog by examining solutions to its root cause: the Boiler and Elevator Inspection Branch's staffing shortage.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 37 and recommends its adoption.

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

  
HENRY J. G. AQUINO, Chair



**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Labor and Technology**  
**LBT**

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