
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD TO
ENSURE THAT THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD INCLUDES AT LEAST
TWO MEMBERS WITH EXPERTISE IN SPECIALTY STRUCTURAL
CONTRACTING.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that construction industry
2 review boards, such as the Contractors License Board, are
3 necessary to protect the welfare and safety of the general
4 public; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature has also established, for example,
7 the special Board of Electricians and Plumbers to ensure that
8 the licensure for these specialized trades are reviewed and
9 administered appropriately; and
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11 WHEREAS, a General Engineering Contractor or General
12 Building Contractor is required to ensure that the
13 subcontractors and workers assigned to install and erect
14 specialized steel structures, like those performing welding
15 services, have sufficient knowledge and experience to maintain a
16 safe work environment and make certain the installation and
17 construction of the specialized structure is properly done; and
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19 WHEREAS, General Engineering Contractor licenses and
20 General Building Contractor licenses issued by the Contractors
21 License Board automatically hold a number of specialty
22 classifications without requiring further examination or payment
23 of additional fees, a number of which may greatly influence the
24 structural integrity of a building, namely:
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- 26 (1) C-6 Carpentry Framing;
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28 (2) C-31 Masonry;
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30 (3) C-32 Ornamental, Guardrail, and Fencing;
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32 (4) C-35 Pile Driving; Pile and Caisson Drilling;
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- 1 (5) C-38 Post Tensioning;
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- 3 (6) C-41 Reinforcing Steel;
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- 5 (7) C-48 Structural Welding; and
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- 7 (8) C-56 Welding; and
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9 WHEREAS, Specialty Contractor licenses, however, do not
 10 automatically include additional specialty classifications but
 11 are instead issued according to nearly one hundred different
 12 subclassifications that require special skills, or to those
 13 whose principal contracting business involves the use of
 14 specialized building trades or crafts, including the eight
 15 structure-related subclassifications identified above; and

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 17 WHEREAS, existing law requires that the Contractors License
 18 Board include five Specialty Contractors in its membership, but
 19 does not require diversity among the many specialty
 20 subclassifications; and

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 22 WHEREAS, the composition of members on the Contractors
 23 License Board should include at least two members who are
 24 Specialty Contractors with experience in at least one of the
 25 eight structural trades identified above; and

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 27 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the public's health,
 28 safety, and welfare may be unduly put at risk without
 29 specialized structural contracting expertise being represented
 30 on the Contractors License Board; now, therefore,

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 32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 33 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 34 of 2022, that the Director of the Department of Commerce and
 35 Consumer Affairs and the Contractors License Board are requested
 36 to ensure that the Contractors License Board includes, at all
 37 times, at least two Specialty Contractor members licensed in at
 38 least one of the eight structural contracting subclassifications
 39 listed above; provided that the license was not issued
 40 automatically as a result of holding a General Engineering
 41 Contractor license or a General Building Contractor license; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
2 Consumer Affairs in conjunction with the Contractors License
3 Board is requested to consider:

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- 5 (1) The feasibility of establishing an advisory committee
- 6 focused on structural contracting issues within the
- 7 existing Board composition to enhance sensitivity and
- 8 attention given to structural contracting issues; and
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- 10 (2) Whether the Contractors License Board's current
- 11 administrative rules that allow for the automatic
- 12 issuance of certain specialty licenses enumerated
- 13 above for General Engineering Contractors and General
- 14 Building Contractors, without further examination or
- 15 fees, are prudent and sufficiently ensure the safety
- 16 and welfare of the public; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Commerce and
19 Consumer Affairs in conjunction with the Contractors License
20 Board is requested to submit a report on their findings,
21 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
22 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
23 of 2023; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
27 and Consumer Affairs and Chairperson of the Contractors License
28 Board.

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