
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO
ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON SUPPLY OF CONTRACTORS AND
TRADESPERSONS IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER TO STUDY THE
EXPEDITED LICENSING OR LICENSING EXEMPTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS
AND TRADESPERSONS.

1 WHEREAS, the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and
2 Rita have elevated the State of Hawaii's concerns about disaster
3 preparedness; and
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5 WHEREAS, the efforts to reconstruct and repair damaged
6 homes and businesses following a natural disaster are critical
7 to the re-establishment of normalcy in our community; and
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9 WHEREAS, the gulf hurricanes have shown that there may not
10 be sufficient numbers of licensed contractors and tradespersons
11 following a natural disaster; and
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13 WHEREAS, it is important that the State address the
14 possibility that there may not be enough licensed tradespersons
15 and contractors to meet the needs of Hawaii's residents in the
16 event of a natural disaster; and
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18 WHEREAS, it is important that the problems that occurred
19 after Hurricanes Iwa and Iniki must not recur; and
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21 WHEREAS, the State should have in place specific criteria
22 for expedited licensing and licensing exemptions for contractors
23 and tradespersons; and
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25 WHEREAS, the State does not currently have criteria
26 established by statute or rule; and
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28 WHEREAS, statutory amendments to implement criteria are
29 necessary; and
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1 WHEREAS, the emergency licensing of these professionals
2 requires discussion; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Director of
7 Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested to establish a task
8 force on the supply of contractors and tradespersons in times of
9 natural disaster, to study, in the event of a natural disaster
10 in Hawaii, the advisability and feasibility of:

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12 (1) Expedited licensure, temporary licensure, or
13 special circumstances licensure of contractors
14 and tradespersons; and
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16 (2) Exemption from licensure of contractors and
17 tradespersons; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
20 twelve members, as follows:

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22 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or
23 designee, to serve as chair;
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25 (2) The Executive Officer of the State Contractors License
26 Board;
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28 (3) The Executive Officer of the Board of Electricians and
29 Plumbers;
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31 (4) The Executive Officer of the Elevator Mechanics
32 Licensing Board;
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34 (5) One representative of an insurer that writes at least
35 twenty per cent of the Hawaii homeowners insurance
36 market, to be selected by the Insurance Commissioner;
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38 (6) The Complaints and Enforcement Officer of the
39 Regulated Industries Complaints Office, or designee;
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41 (7) The Division Administrator of the Professional and
42 Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of
43 Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or designee;



