
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A BUILDING TRADES TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND REVIEW
JURISDICTIONAL AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE ISSUES BETWEEN THE
BUILDING TRADES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the construction industry has always played a
2 large role in the building and enhancement of Hawaii's economy,
3 from the days when the construction crane was referred to as the
4 "state bird", to the recent boom in housing and military
5 contracts; and

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7 WHEREAS, the construction industry consists of many
8 building trades, including bricklayers, carpenters, carpet
9 layers, cement workers, electricians, elevator constructors,
10 heavy equipment operators, ironworkers, joiners, laborers,
11 landscape architects, masons, painters, pipefitters, plumbers,
12 plasterers, tapers, tile layers, and welders; and

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14 WHEREAS, many of these building trades work in conjunction
15 with each other, often forming a symbiotic relationship that
16 depends on each trade completing its responsibilities for the
17 project to reach completion; and

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19 WHEREAS, oversight of some of the building industry
20 professionals and trades, such as architects, landscape
21 architects, contractors, electricians, elevator mechanics,
22 engineers, plumbers, and surveyors, is currently accomplished
23 through licensing boards within the Professional and Vocational
24 Licensing Division (PVL) of the Department of Commerce and
25 Consumer Affairs (DCCA); and

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27 WHEREAS, DCCA also investigates complaints against
28 professionals licensed by the PVL and protects the public
29 from unlicensed activities through its Regulated Industries
30 Complaints Office; and



1 WHEREAS, questions and concerns have been raised by several
2 of the building trades, particularly electricians, plumbers,
3 laborers, and landscape architects regarding jurisdictional
4 issues, oversight, scope of practice, qualifications, and
5 licensure; now, therefore,
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
9 Session of 2007, that a Building Trades Task Force (Task Force)
10 be established and convened to study and review jurisdictional
11 and scope of practice issues relating to all building trades in
12 Hawaii; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Task Force
15 include:
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- 17 (1) The chair of the House Committee of Labor and Public
18 Employment, who shall serve as a co-chair of the Task
19 Force;
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- 21 (2) The chair of the House Committee on Consumer
22 Protection and Commerce, who shall serve as a co-chair
23 of the Task Force;
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- 25 (3) The Director of DCCA, or a designee;
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- 27 (4) The Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial
28 Relations, or a designee;
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- 30 (5) The chair of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers,
31 or a designee;
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- 33 (6) An individual representing the construction industry,
34 or a designee;
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- 36 (7) The President of the International Brotherhood of
37 Electrical Workers, or a designee;
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- 39 (8) The President of the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local
40 675, or a designee;



1 (9) The President of the Laborers' International Union of
2 North America, Local 368; and
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4 (10) Any other professionals or individuals deemed
5 necessary by the co-chairs of the Task Force;
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
10 review current practices regarding oversight and jurisdiction of
11 electricians and plumbers currently practicing in Hawaii; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force study and
14 determine whether overlap exists between the scope of practice
15 of electricians and plumbers; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force is requested to
18 submit a report to the Legislature regarding the Task Force's
19 findings and recommendations no later than 20 days prior to the
20 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
24 Consumer Affairs, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations,
25 the chair of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the
26 President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical
27 Workers, the President of the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local
28 675, AFL-CIO, and the President of the Laborers' International
29 Union of North America, Local 368.
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