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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY AS TO WHETHER
THE BOARD OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS SHOULD BE SPLIT INTO
TWO SEPARATE BOARDS.

1 WHEREAS, during the 2007 Regular Session, Senate Bill No.
2 1699 was introduced, which proposed to split the Board of
3 Electricians and Plumbers into two separate entities, a Board of
4 Electricians and a Board of Plumbers; and
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6 WHEREAS, during the Senate Committee on Commerce and
7 Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing's public hearing on
8 Senate Bill No. 1699, testimony was submitted that separate
9 licensing boards for electricians and plumbers may be more
10 appropriate, as separate boards would allow electricians and
11 plumbers to separately address issues specifically related to
12 their own industry; and
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14 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised that the current
15 composition of the combined Board of Electricians and Plumbers
16 appears to be unbalanced and this may serve as a detriment to
17 both professions and may result in an increased risk to the
18 public; and
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20 WHEREAS, in the interest of the public, electricians, and
21 plumbers, the option of creating separate boards for
22 electricians and plumbers should be explored; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the State Auditor is
27 requested to study whether the Board of Electricians and
28 Plumbers should be split into two separate boards; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the study, the State
31 Auditor is requested to examine whether the general public,
32 electricians, or plumbers have been disadvantaged or harmed in



1 any way by having a combined Board of Electricians and Plumbers;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the study, the State
5 Auditor is requested to examine the boards of other professions
6 in this State and the organization and composition of the boards
7 of electricians and plumbers in other jurisdictions; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Auditor is requested
10 to submit the State Auditor's findings, along with any proposed
11 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
12 to the convening of the 2008 Regular Session; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor, the
16 Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the Chairperson
17 of the Board of Electricians and Plumbers.

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OFFERED BY:  _____