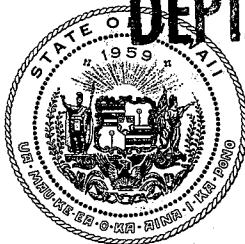


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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
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Dear Madam President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Sunrise Analysis of the Industrial Hygiene, Safety, and Health Physics Professions*.

Senate Bill No. 2057, which restricts the use of seven specific titles for occupational health and safety professionals, does not meet the sunrise criteria requiring evidence of harm or potential risk to Hawai'i consumers. As proposed the bill is largely a title protection measure advanced by the American Industrial Hygiene Association to benefit the professions, not the public. Since approximately 204 practitioners hold certifications and titles listed in the bill, misuse of titles is simply not an issue in Hawai'i. Moreover, protections from state agencies such as the Departments of Health and Labor and Industrial Relations, the Office of Consumer Protection, and other state agencies already exist.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and release it to the public and press, on Friday, November 7, 2008.

Sincerely,

Marion M. Higa
State Auditor

Enclosure

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cc: Carol Taniguchi, Senate Clerk