SCR 205/ SR 104

PRESENTATION OF THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE Regular Session of 2010

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 205 AND SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104, REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SIMPLIFICATION OF SPECIALTY LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR CONTRACTORS.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Denny Sadowski, Legislative Committee Chair of the Contractors

License Board ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to comment on Senate

Concurrent Resolution No. 205 and Senate Resolution No. 104, which request the

establishment of a task force whose purpose is to review the contractor license statute

and rules, and the licensing laws of other states, with the intent of significantly reducing
the number of contractor classifications and providing a simpler contractor licensing

structure.

The Board is concerned that in reducing the number of contractor classifications, the work of various trades may be consolidated, resulting in contractors holding a particular classification when they are not experienced in, nor qualified to perform, all aspects of the work relating to the new consolidated classification. This contradicts the Board's purpose of protecting the public and ensuring that licensees are competent to act as contractors. Therefore, the Board does not believe that reducing the number of

classifications or that setting an arbitrary limit on the number of specialty classifications is in the best interest of the public.

Furthermore, much of the impetus for the resolutions relates to problems with the listing of specialty contractors on bid proposals for public works projects and the Board feels that many of those challenges relate to the bid process itself.

In summary, while the Board believes that a study focusing on resolving delays and avoiding protests in awarding public works projects may be beneficial, we question whether limiting the number of specialty classifications is a reasonable solution to this problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 205 and Senate Resolution No. 104.

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Testimony To:

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Presented By:

Tim Lyons

President

Subject:

SCR 205/SR 104 - REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO

MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SIMPLIFICATION OF SPECIALTY

LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR CONTRACTORS.

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Subcontractors Association of Hawaii. SAH is composed of nine separate and distinct subcontracting organizations including:

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

HAWAII FLOORING ASSOCIATION

ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

HAWAII WALL AND CEILING INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

TILE CONTRACTORS PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

SHEETMETAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII

PAINTING AND DECORATING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

PACIFIC INSULATION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

We support the intent of this resolution with major amendments.

As to the intent, there seems to be some confusion that exists over the proper specialty contractor clarification that is required to do specific work. There does however, appear to be far less confusion at the Contractor's License Board level where decisions are made by people who deal with the Contractors Licensing Law on a daily basis. Our support of this resolution is narrowed to its ultimate goal and, that is to protect the public and the taxpayers of this State by developing Specialty Contractor Classifications that do exactly that.

Our problem with the resolution however, includes confusion over the third (3rd) WHEREAS clause because we can't determine what it is trying to say, disagreement with the fourth (4th) WHEREAS clause because we know that there are very few complaints by the general "public" regarding the scope of work however, it is from contracting agencies who live and breathe with the Contractors License Law and often times are unfamiliar with the very law that they deal with. It is not the public that is confused, it is the contracting agencies that are confused.

We also have problems with the seventh (7th) WHEREAS clause because although there have been clerical errors relating to the listing of the specialty contractors, it all boils down to proper construction management. In most cases, we are talking about paperwork that must be filled out correctly and people who have not filled it out correctly whining that there is something wrong with the law when in fact, there is something wrong with their paperwork.

The eighth (8th) WHEREAS clause alludes to the delay in projects when in fact, the real cause again, is the listing of the wrong subcontractor for the wrong work or leaving out a subcontractor in a list of

those to do the work, again all leading to the contracting management issue and NOT any defect in the law.

Lastly and more importantly, I don't think that we have seen a more biased, unbalanced proposed Task Force than we find here. Both the General Contractors Association of Hawaii and the Building Industry Association of Hawaii represent primarily general contractors. The "basic trades" represent general contractors. On the Contractors License Board there are five (5) subs and five (5) generals, from which group will one be chosen? In short, you have the total possibility of two (2) government representatives, eight (8) representatives who represent general contractors and three (3) who represent specialty contractors who have the most at stake in this issue. We suggest that if this Task Force is going to be formed that it be composed equally of general contactors and subcontractors with government added in. Again, we have no problem with the goal of trying to come up with proposed legislation that would straighten out this area however, if you want a meaningful recommendation you have to have a meaningful Task Force.

Thank you.



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To: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

And the Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Al Itamoto, Executive Director

Electrical Contractors' Association of Hawaii

National Electrical Contractor's Association, Hawaii Chapter

Subject: S.C.R. No. 205 - Relating to the Establishment of a Task Force to Make Recommendations

Regarding Simplification of Specialty License Classifications for Contractors.

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415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chair Baker and Committee members:

The Electrical Contractors Association of Hawaii (ECAH) is a non-profit association consisting of unionized electrical contractors. ECAH <u>strongly opposes</u> the intent and purpose of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 205 requesting for the establishment of a task force to make recommendations regarding the simplification of specialty license classifications for contractors without the following changes:

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Secondly, the electrical construction industry is concerned that the simplification and subsequent consolidation of specialty licenses will cause greater confusion of the work boundaries of each craft's jurisdiction. The electrical construction industry is unique and requires extensive training as contractors and electricians. The apprenticeship training to become a journeyman electrician is a demanding five

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The simplification and consolidation of an electrical C-13 license with other licenses would simply compromise public safety.

ECAH <u>strongly opposes</u> the establishment of the task force as requested in S.C.R No. 205 without the suggested changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

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To:

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

And the Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From:

Darin M Yokoyama Electricians, Inc. 2875 Paa Street Honolulu, HI 96819

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The management of Electricians, Inc. <u>strongly opposes</u> the establishment of the task force as requested in S.C.R No. 205 unless these changes are included.

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Sincerely,

Darin M Yokoyama

President



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The management of S & S Taylan Electric Inc. <u>strongly opposes</u> the establishment of the task force as requested in S.C.R No. 205 unless these changes are included.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

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March 23, 2010

To: The Honorable Senator Rosaly n Baker, Chair

And the Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Todd Dwight, Jack Endo Electric, Inc. 2814 Kilihau Street Honolulu, Hawaii

Subject: S.C.R. No. 205 - Relating to the Establishment of a Task Force to Make Recommendations

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

Mahalo,

Todd Palani Dwight



March 23, 2010

To:

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

And the Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From:

Clark A. Tyler TG Electric, LLC

6255 Hauiki Rd. Kapaa, HI 96746

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The management of TG Electric, LLC **strongly opposes** the establishment of the task force as requested in S.C.R No. 205 unless these changes are included.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

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To: The He

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

And the Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Thomas C. Nuetzel, RME, QN Electric, Inc.

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The management of QN Electric. Inc. <u>strongly opposes</u> the establishment of the task force as requested in S.C.R No. 205 unless these changes are included.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

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From:

Edwin K. Paaluhi Leleiwi Electric, Inc. 99 Makaala Street Hilo, HI 96720

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To: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

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From: Wayne Kokami,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

Wayne Kokami/President

March 23, 2010

To: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

And the Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: PAC Electric Co., Inc.

3375 Koapaka St. Ste F281

Honolulu, HI 96819

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Tommy Foo

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March 23, 2010

To:

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From:

Randall T. Nishimura Ron's Electric, Inc. P.O. Box 311 Lihue, HI 96766

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Place:

Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Ron's Electric, Inc.



Contractor's License No. C-19916

March 23, 2010

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
And the Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Subject: S.C.R. No. 205 - Relating to the Establishment of a Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding Simplification of Specialty License Classifications for Contractors.

Dear Chair Baker and Committee members:

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The management of Ron's Electric, Inc. <u>strongly opposes</u> the establishment of the task force as requested in S.C.R No. 205 unless these changes are included.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this issue.

Randall T. Nishimura



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To:

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From:

Robert Dewitz

Chairman, American Electric Co. LLC 2308 Pahounui Drive, Honolulu, HI 96819

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Best Regards,

Chairman of the Board

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Eric Arquero

From:

Brilliant Ideas, Inc. [brilliantideas@hawaii.rr.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 3:36 PM

To: Subject: CPN Testimony consolidating licenses

This is a real no brainer

DO IT!!!!!

Construction is construction, and who needs people with special skills to make sure it is done right?????

Obviously, if you can pave a highway, you should be able to figure out how to connect 15,000 volts without killing anyoneand if you are lucky, it may even last a few years.....it must be as simple as screwing in a light bulb....everyone can figure it out....

Everyone knows that in plumbing hot is on the left, cold on the right, and shit flows down hill....so how hard would it be to calculate the water pressure calculations for a fire protection sprinkler system on a high rise and make sure you install it per codes?????

If you get it wrong, the fire department and insurance investigators investigators will tell you where it was wrong when they do their after fire investigations.

Math is math and if you can figure out how many yards of concrete you need for a pour you should have enough fingers and toes to do more....ooops I forgot calculators and computers can do the math, all you need is a trained monkey to enter the data.

And to save time and money lets consolidatre all other licenses and skills also.....

A doctor is a very skilled professional, so he knows about bodies, and if he can remove a cancerous colon, he should be skilled enough to transplant a lung, or perform a heart replacement, or even remove a brain tumor, or re-attach a detached retina...there isn't that much difference in bodies....after all, blood is blood right????? So we really don't need all of these specialists either....

General contractors have always had the right to obtain additional licenses, they just don't seem to be qualified to pass the examinations, or retain the qualified people to do so. So all we need to do is lower the standards so that they can do it all, in house, and get rid of speciality trades. Just think of how much money they will be able to save everyon....oooops I forgot they probably will want to keep those profits too...

Getting back to medical specialities, why don't we get rid of all the specialists, lower costs, and just have nurses, as they do all the real work, and then only morticians, as everyone will end up with them eventually, cut out the middle men and special skills....we don't need them, and then we won't need anyone else in the medical field at all....well cook and clean staff maybe, but not for long, but the general contractors can provide laborers for most of those positions, and if the morticians do their jobs well enough, they will have a lot less to do shortly, and we could eliminate the morticians and just have the operating engineers oversize a few footings, and add a few bodies to the pours as fill, and the GC's could relieve everyone of a lot of trouble.

Oh, and while we are on the subject, maybe we could lower th qualifications of being a politician....you know lower the licensing requirementsmake it easier for them to qualify for?????

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Sincerely

Tim McDonald

A tax payer and a voter



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