A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSISTING UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under section 444-
- 2 9.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, it is a misdemeanor for a licensed
- 3 contractor to aid and abet an unlicensed person. However, the
- 4 contractors license board has determined that section 444-9.3,
- 5 Hawaii Revised Statutes, as written, only applies to criminal
- 6 conduct and penalties and is outside the scope of administrative
- 7 proceedings. Although the regulated industries complaints
- 8 office has relied upon section 444-17(17), Hawaii Revised
- 9 Statutes, to administratively prosecute aiding and abetting
- 10 conduct, that provision applies only in situations where a
- 11 licensee enters into a contract with an unlicensed contractor.
- 12 Since aiding and abetting conduct often occurs outside of a
- 13 contract, the regulated industries complaints office is unable
- 14 to administratively prosecute violations of section 444-9.3,
- 15 Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 16 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to clarify that a
- 17 contractor licensee who aids and abets an unlicensed contractor

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- 1 may be subject to additional discipline by the contractors
- 2 license board.
- 3 SECTION 2. Section 444-9.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 "[+]\$444-9.3[+] Aiding or abetting. Aiding or abetting an
- 6 unlicensed person to evade this chapter or knowingly combining
- 7 or conspiring with an unlicensed person, or allowing one's
- 8 license to be used by an unlicensed person, or acting as agent
- 9 or partner or associate, or otherwise, of an unlicensed person,
- 10 with the intent to evade this chapter, shall be a misdemeanor [-]
- 11 and may subject the licensee to additional discipline by the
- 12 board."
- 13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

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Description:

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