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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE  
CREATION OF A STRUCTURAL LICENSING BOARD.

1 WHEREAS, worker and public safety are unduly put in  
2 jeopardy when a contractor is allowed to employ unqualified  
3 workers to install and erect structural steel; and  
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5 WHEREAS, current contractor licensing laws are insufficient  
6 to ensure the safety and qualifications of workers who install  
7 and erect structural steel and allow contractors to jeopardize  
8 worker safety by employing workers who are not qualified to  
9 install and erect structural steel; and  
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11 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is one of  
12 the most dangerous jobs in the United States and is often  
13 performed at great heights, where a fall on the job can lead to  
14 fatalities or serious injuries or both; and  
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16 WHEREAS, installing and erecting structural steel is an  
17 incredibly demanding job that requires specialized skills to  
18 handle heavy steel; and  
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20 WHEREAS, appropriate worker and supervisor training and  
21 experience are necessary to ensure a safe work environment for  
22 the installation and erection of structural steel; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Contractors License Board is not set up to  
25 specifically address the specialized licensing needs and  
26 concerns that involve structural steel erection; and  
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28 WHEREAS, it is unreasonable to expect a board of thirteen  
29 volunteers that comprise the Contractors License Board, none of  
30 whom currently possess the qualifications to erect structural  
31 steel, to be well versed in the very specific requirements of  
32 installation and erection of structural steel; and



1 WHEREAS, there are four license classifications under the  
2 purview of the Contractors License Board that critically involve  
3 the specialty expertise of a structural steel worker, namely C-  
4 38 post tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel, C-48 structural  
5 steel, and C-56 welding, which should be regulated under a  
6 specialized Structural Licensing Board that is responsive to the  
7 needs of this specialized work; and

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9 WHEREAS, the public's health, safety, and welfare is unduly  
10 put at risk given the lack of a Structural Licensing Board with  
11 specialized expertise in the particular working conditions and  
12 skill sets relevant to these license categories; and

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14 WHEREAS, the State has a history of protecting the public's  
15 health, safety, and welfare through the creation of specialty  
16 license boards, such as the Board of Electricians and Plumbers;  
17 now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
21 Session of 2016, that the Auditor is requested to prepare a  
22 report that makes statutory revision recommendations for the  
23 creation of a Structural License Board modeled after the Board  
24 of Electricians and Plumbers; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
27 include the following in the report:

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29 (1) A feasibility determination for the creation of a  
30 Structural Licensing Board;  
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32 (2) Suggested amendments or modifications to the practice  
33 of issuing C-38 post tensioning, C-41 reinforcing  
34 steel, C-48 structural steel, and C-56 welding  
35 licenses;  
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37 (3) A brief description of the process the Auditor used in  
38 making its findings and recommendations in the report;  
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40 (4) The recommendations and information provided by all  
41 stakeholders that participated in the process and



1 justifications for why recommendations of stakeholders  
2 were included or not in the Auditor's final  
3 recommendations; and  
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- 5 (5) An estimate of the cost for the creation of a  
6 Structural Licensing Board; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor consult with  
9 relevant stakeholders, including the Hawaii Iron Workers  
10 Stabilization Fund, Hawaii Iron Workers Union Local 625, the  
11 Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, the Contractors  
12 License Board, the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, the  
13 Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii, and contractors that  
14 hold C-38 post tensioning, C-41 reinforcing steel, C-48  
15 structural steel, or C-56 welding licenses to determine the  
16 necessity of the creation of a Structural Licensing Board; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
19 Bureau is requested to assist the Auditor in preparing the  
20 report, including any recommendations for amendments to chapter  
21 444, Hawaii Revised Statutes; the Auditor is requested to submit  
22 its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for  
23 proposed legislation, to the Legislative Reference Bureau no  
24 later than November 1, 2016; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
27 submit a final report, including any statutory recommendations,  
28 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
29 convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Commerce  
33 and Consumer Affairs, Acting Director of the Legislative  
34 Reference Bureau, Governor, Vice-Chairperson of the Board of  
35 Electricians and Plumbers, and Chairperson of the Contractors  
36 License Board.  
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