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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A REVIEW REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF "INCIDENTAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL" CONTRACTING WORK.

WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance to protect public 1 2 safety and welfare in any sort of construction work; and 3 WHEREAS, in construction work, a structural engineer 4 reviews all plans (known as S plans) that deal with the 5 6 structural integrity of the building, and the structural engineer must approve the plans by stamping and validating these 7 8 plans; and 9 WHEREAS, the C-6, C-31, C-32, C-35, C-38, C-41, C-48, and 10 11 C-56 specialty subcontractor's license and other similar licenses fall under the purview of a structural engineer and 12 must meet all requirements set forth in national and 13 14 international standards; and 15 WHEREAS, the structural engineer must ensure that 16 subcontractors and workers have sufficient knowledge and 17 18 experience to work on a construction project; and 19 WHEREAS, the case District Council 50, of the International 20 Union of Painters and Allied Trades, et al., v. Lopez, 298 P.3d 21 1045 (2013), dealt with the issue of whether Allied Pacific, a 22 general contractor performing renovation work at Lanakila 23 Elementary school, could undertake glass work as "incidental and 24 supplemental" to its automatically held C-5 specialty 25 subcontractor license and without a C-22 specialty contractor 26 27 license; and 28 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Supreme Court held that the Contractors 29 License Board of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs 30 erred in its interpretation of what is deemed "incidental and 31 supplemental" in this case; and 32



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WHEREAS, the Contractors License Board had erroneously 1 decided that any work that constitutes less than a majority of 2 the work can be deemed "incidental and supplemental" work; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, the Contractors License Board has attempted to 6 pass an administrative rule to this effect; and 7 8 WHEREAS, although under chapter 444, Hawaii Revised 9 Statutes, the Contractors License Board has the authority to administer, review, and grant contractors and subcontractors 10 licenses, it may be more useful to have an independent agency, 11 12 like the Auditor's Office, evaluate the need for new 13 construction licensing requirements; now, therefore, 14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 15 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 16 of 2018, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a review about 17 allowing no "incidental and supplemental" work under the S plans 18 of a structural engineer's purview, including specialty licenses 19 and C-6, C-31, C-32, C-35, C-38, C-41, C-48, and C-56 licenses; 20 and 21 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to 23 24 include in the review: 25 An estimate of the number of licenses granted by the (1) 26 Contractors License Board; 27 28 (2) The possible implications if less than a majority of 29 the work performed is deemed "incidental and 30 supplemental"; 31 32 An examination of whether there are any public-safety (3) 33 issues involved in the performance of "incidental and 34 35 supplemental" work; 36 A review of best practices in construction projects; 37 (4) 38 An examination of whether regulating individuals 39 (5) rather than companies would better protect public 40 safety and welfare; 41



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- (6) A review of all construction-project disasters in Hawaii related to this issue; and
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(7) Any proposed legislation; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as the Auditor conducts the 7 review, the Auditor is requested to meet with stakeholders 8 regarding this issue, including construction unions, 9 construction companies, structural engineers, steel fabricators 10 and erectors, and trades councils; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than 20 days prior to 13 the convening of the Regular Session of 2019, the Auditor is 14 requested to submit to the Legislature a report of the Auditor's 15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed 16 legislation; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Governor, and Director
20 of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

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