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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CONTRACTORS LICENSE BOARD.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that public safety is  
2 unnecessarily put at risk given general contractors may hold  
3 seats for specialty contractor positions on the contractors  
4 license board. The purpose of this Act is to better protect the  
5 public from dishonest, fraudulent, unskilled, or otherwise  
6 unqualified contractors by ensuring that specialty contractors  
7 are not administratively kept off the contractors license board.

8           SECTION 2. Section 444-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10           "**§444-3 Contractors license board.** (a) There shall be a  
11 contractors license board of [~~thirteen~~] fifteen members[~~-~~], each  
12 of whom shall have been a resident of and domiciled in the State  
13 for not less than five years preceding the member's appointment.

14           (b) Of the board members:

15           (1) [~~Seven~~] Eight shall be contractors who have been  
16 actively engaged in the contracting business, in the  
17 State, for a period of not less than five years



1           preceding the date of their appointment[+] and who  
2           hold a valid and unexpired license to operate as a  
3           contractor at the time of their appointment. Two of  
4           the contractors shall be general engineering  
5           contractors, two shall be building contractors, and  
6           four shall be specialty contractors who do not hold a  
7           general engineering or general building contractor  
8           license; and

9           ~~[-(2) Five shall be general engineering or building~~  
10           ~~contractors, five shall be specialty contractors, and~~  
11           ~~three shall be noncontractors. No member shall~~  
12           ~~receive any compensation for the member's services,~~  
13           ~~but each shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling~~  
14           ~~expenses incurred in the performance of duties.]~~

15           (2) Seven shall be public members who at the time of their  
16           appointment do not hold a valid or unexpired license  
17           to operate as a contractor, are not relatives of any  
18           board member who holds a contractors license, and do  
19           not have a financial interest in the business of any  
20           board member possessing a contractors license.

21           (c) Each county shall be represented on the board.

1       ~~[(d) No one, except the three noncontractor members, shall~~  
2 ~~be eligible for appointment who does not at the time of the~~  
3 ~~member's appointment hold a valid and unexpired license to~~  
4 ~~operate as a contractor.]~~

5       (d) No member shall receive any compensation for the  
6 member's services, but each shall be reimbursed for necessary  
7 travelling expenses incurred in the performance of duties.

8       (e) Any member whose license is revoked or suspended  
9 pursuant to section 444-17 shall be removed from the board.

10       (f) For purposes of this section:

11       "General engineering contractor", "general building  
12 contractor", and "specialty contractor" shall have the same  
13 meaning as in section 444-7.

14       "Relative" means a spouse, fiancé, fiancée, parent,  
15 sibling, child, or anyone who is related to the person within  
16 two degrees of consanguinity; or the spouse, fiancé, fiancée,  
17 parent, sibling, or child of anyone who is related to the person  
18 within two degrees of consanguinity."

19       SECTION 3. The members of the contractors license board in  
20 office as of the day before the effective day of this Act shall  
21 continue to serve until their term expires, at which time,



1 members of the board shall be appointed in the manner set forth  
2 in section 2 of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
6 provided that members of the contractors license board on the  
7 effective date of their Act shall continue to serve on the board  
8 until the expiration of their current term.

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**Report Title:**

Contractors License Board; Members

**Description:**

Alters the makeup of the contractors license board to include fifteen members, eight of which to have been engaged in contracting in the State for at least five years and seven of which shall be members of the public who are not licensed contractors.

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