

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD COMPOSITION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 448H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§448H-3 Elevator mechanics licensing board; appointment; organization. There is created an elevator mechanics licensing board within the department of commerce and consumer affairs for administrative purposes. The board shall consist of seven members: four five shall be licensed elevator mechanics^[7] and two shall be public members not connected or associated with the elevator or building industry^[7] ~~and one shall be the director of labor and industrial relations or the director's designee who is an employee of the department of labor and industrial relations and has expertise in elevator and escalator installation and maintenance]~~."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: 

BY REQUEST

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H.B. NO. 2116

Report Title:

Elevator; Elevator Mechanic; Board; License; Chapter 448H

Description:

Amends the composition of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board to replace the ex-officio Department of Labor and Industrial Relations member with a licensed elevator mechanic member.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELEVATOR MECHANICS LICENSING BOARD COMPOSITION.

PURPOSE: Amend the composition of the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board (Board) to replace the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) or the Director's designee with a licensed elevator mechanic member.

MEANS: Amends section 448H-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the DLIR has not been able to make available an employee with expertise in elevator and escalator installation and maintenance to attend Board meetings regularly and the Board had to cancel several Board meetings in 2020 and 2021, due to the lack of a quorum. This bill would ensure quorum is securely met for the Board to regularly act on matters such as applications and scope of practice issues.

Impact on the public: By replacing the DLIR ex-officio position with a licensed member, Board meetings are less likely to be canceled due to lack of quorum. This will ensure that important decisions on applications, scope of practice issues, etc., be discussed and decided on timely. Members of the public will also be able to provide oral testimony on agenda items.

Impact on the department and other agencies: None.

GENERAL FUNDS: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

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PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION: CCA-105.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES: International Union Elevator Contractors
Local 126.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.