
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established an occupational
2 licensing task force to consist of the following members:

3 (1) A representative from the department of commerce and
4 consumer affairs' regulated industries complaints
5 office;

6 (2) A representative from the department of commerce and
7 consumer affairs' division of professional and
8 vocational licensing;

9 (3) Three representatives from the various boards under
10 the purview of the department of commerce and consumer
11 affairs, appointed by the director;

12 (4) Two members from the business community to be
13 appointed by the governor;

14 (5) The chair of the house committee on consumer
15 protection & commerce, or the chair's designee; and

16 (6) The chair of the senate committee on commerce and
17 consumer protection, or the chair's designee.



1 (b) The task force shall investigate the current
2 occupational licensing requirements in the state. The
3 investigation shall include, but is not limited to:

4 (1) Identification of any current occupational licenses
5 that are not necessary for the health and safety of
6 the consumer;

7 (2) Identification of occupational license requirements
8 that can be reduced without harm to the consumer;

9 (3) Identification of licenses that can be replaced with
10 bonding or insurance requirements, inspections, or
11 private certifications;

12 (4) Propose legislation that would allow for more consumer
13 choice, more business opportunities, and less
14 regulation; and

15 (5) Identify any fiscal impact to the State and propose
16 mechanisms to mitigate that impact.

17 (c) The task force shall submit a preliminary report of
18 its findings to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the regular session of 2027.

20 (d) The task force shall submit the final report of its
21 findings and recommendations, including any proposed



1 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the regular session of 2028.

3 (e) The task force shall serve until it has accomplished
4 the purpose of this Act or twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the regular session of 2028, whichever occurs first.

6 (f) The members of the task force shall serve without
7 compensation but shall be reimbursed by the department of
8 commerce and consumer affairs for necessary expenses, including
9 travel expenses, incurred for service on the task force. No
10 member of the task force shall be made subject to section 84-17,
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's
12 participation on the task force. The task force shall be exempt
13 from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14 (g) The chair of the house committee on consumer
15 protection & commerce, or the chair's designee, and the chair of
16 the senate committee on commerce and consumer protection, or the
17 chair's designee, shall convene the task force. The task force
18 shall be administratively supported by the department of
19 commerce and consumer affairs.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so



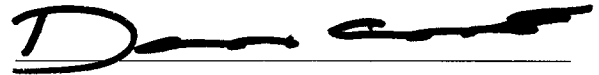
1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
2 the purposes of this Act.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

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

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Report Title:

Occupational Licensure; Task Force; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes an occupational licensing task force to identify the ways in which state regulation of occupational licensure may be reformed to lessen the barrier of entry to fields of gainful employment while ensuring consumers remain protected. Imposes a reporting requirement. Appropriates funds.

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