NSPE to Monitor Key Hawaii Legislation

NSPE has flagged proposed carry-over legislation from 2023 that could impact licensing and licensing board procedures in Hawaii. NSPE will track this legislation and collaborate with the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers to take appropriate action as needed.

Under **S.B. 212/H.B. 102**, eligibility for licensure as a professional engineer would be extended to individuals with "professional-level government employment" engaged in the lawful review of engineered plans and calculations, conducted under the direct supervision of an appropriately licensed engineer.

**S.B. 847** proposes eligibility for a PE license based on completion of four years of either full-time or equivalent part-time professional-level government employment (performing lawful review of engineered plans and calculations under the direct supervision of an applicably licensed engineer).

**S.B. 1523** proposes amendments to Section 464-1 and Section 464-9 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, specifically related to the State Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

State Licensing Information

**Licensure Renewals**
All engineer, architect, surveyor, and landscape architect licensees must renew their licenses by **April 30, 2024**, regardless of the date that the license was issued.

Access more information [here](#).

**Upcoming Meeting**
The Hawaii Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, February 8**. Access meeting information [here](#).
Hawaii Completes Oahu Energy System, Critical Infrastructure Assessment

The Hawaii State Energy Office (HSEO) recently concluded work on an initiative called the O'ahu Energy System and Critical Infrastructure Vulnerability and Resiliency Assessment, the Daily Energy Insider reports.

The assessment involved a comprehensive hazard and risk assessment of O'ahu's critical energy infrastructure (CEI), including major supply, distribution, and demand networks. It also identified interdependencies with community lifelines, such as hospitals, first responders, water/wastewater, or shelters. The assessment was funded by the Federal Energy Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The data that was collected during the project was used to create a GIS tool to view the energy system on O'ahu. The tool enables it to visually depict community lifeline impacts of CEI node loss, develop, and prioritize mitigation actions and strategies that enhance energy resilience, and reduce the energy vulnerability of Hawaii and O'ahu residents and property.

The results from the project will be used to harmonize and update other state plans, such as the Hawaii Hazard Mitigation Plan. Read more.

Hawaii Construction Boom Will Require Mainland Workers

The Hawaii construction industry is in the early stages of a boom, which economists predict will be a big boost for the state's struggling economy this year. But Hawaii doesn't have the labor force to support that surge in construction, meaning the state will need to import workers, according to a leading economist, Honolulu Civil Beat reports.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee was briefed on the state's economic outlook, which was mixed. Chief State Economist Eugene Tian warned that places that send most of the tourists here including other states will likely see slower growth in their economies this year.

That likely means fewer tourists coming to Hawaii, and the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization predicts tourism from Japan likely won't fully recover to pre-pandemic levels for years to come. Meanwhile, the number of Hawaii home sales has plummeted as interest rates have risen. Read more.

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the NSPE Advocacy Center.
Help Guide the Future of NICET’s SSI Program

The National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET), a division of the NSPE, is developing a certification program for the Systems Software Integrator (SSI) certification program. NICET invites you to participate in the SSI Job Task Analysis survey to provide vital feedback needed to develop the program.

The SSI certification program seeks to reduce risk, improve quality, and ensure public safety from new emerging technologies as software and information technology increasingly converges with the operation of physical processes and machinery affecting our lives.

We highly value the insight you can provide and would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey by February 5. After completing the survey, participants can enter into a drawing for a $100 Amazon gift card.

Take the Survey

Nominations Open: 2024 Excellence Awards

Please consider nominating a colleague for an NSPE Excellence Award.

NSPE Award : The NSPE Award is the highest award given to an individual by the Society. It is presented to an engineer who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession, the public welfare, and humankind. The nomination deadline is March 1.

New Professional Award : This award recognizes a young NSPE member who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession and the community during the early years of one’s career. The nomination deadline is March 1.

Engineering Education Excellence Award : This award recognizes engineering faculty who have demonstrated the ability to link engineering education with professional practice. The recipients must be licensed and have a faculty appointment in an ABET-accredited engineering program. The nomination deadline is March 31.

Call for NSPE Fellow Membership Nominees

Nominations for the NSPE Fellow Membership Grade are due by March 1. This prestigious national program aims to recognize dedicated professional engineers...
who have demonstrated outstanding and sustained service at the chapter, state, and national levels of NSPE. Access more information about the nomination process.

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