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Statement of
Luis P. Salaveria, Director
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
before the
House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Tuesday, February 3, 2015
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of
HB774
RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS.

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development & Business.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of HB774 that makes an appropriation for the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to acquire additional staff, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget.

Should the Legislature be inclined to pass this bill, we prefer that the position count and associated costs be included in the budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
February 3, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

HB774
RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS

Chair Kawakami , Vice-Chair Kong, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB NO. 774. The State Procurement Office (SPO) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** this measure.

The small business regulatory review board provides input into the rule-making process and provides vital recommendations to policy makers and state and county agencies in order to aid small businesses. Therefore, SPO supports their role in assisting small businesses in Hawaii.

Thank you.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 774 RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** HB 774, which makes an appropriation to the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the small business regulatory review board to acquire additional staff.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board is an integral part in getting input from the small business community on rules and regulations that may affect them. As you know, many small business owners do not have the time to track all the rules, which is where laws are put to force in detail. We believe that this appropriation for added staff will help the agency be more effective in serving the business community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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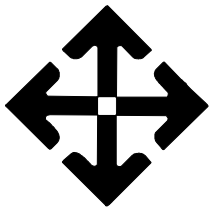
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glenn Shiroma	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: DBEDT Small Business Regulatory Review Board should be REPEALED. SBRRB is ONLY an advisory board with no teeth.

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February 4, 2015

Testimony To: House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons
President

Subject: H.B. 774 - RLEAING TO SMALL BUSINESS

Chair Kawakami and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Hawaii Business League, a small business service organization. We support this bill.

When the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act was passed it was hailed as "hallmark legislation" throughout the small business community in the United States of America and at one point it reached its "hayday" however, since that time it has been neglected, abused, and thrown in the back seat where it has not been able to accomplish its intended purposes.

Much of that is due to the lack of resources within the department and we believe that this bill will at least provide for a policy that the Small Business Regulatory Review Board should get some kind of funding.

Based on that and with the hopes that this Board can rejuvenate itself, we very much support this bill.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

FROM: Anthony Borge, Individual

DATE: February 3, 2015 – Room 312 at 9:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: **HB 774 – Relating to Small Business**

As an individual, and also as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in **strong support** of House Bill 774, “Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.” This measure makes an appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for the SBRRB to acquire additional staff.

As a member of the SBRRB, I attend monthly meetings and volunteer my time by spending many hours reviewing existing, new and modified administrative rules that impact small business. Hundreds of pages of proposed rules are analyzed to determine if there are better ways to make the rules less complex and costly for small firms. Statutorily, the SBRRB is also required to review requests from small business owners for review of any rule adopted by a state agency, and organize and hold conferences on problems affecting small business, which it has been unable to accomplish due to the constraint on resources.

Since its inception in 1998, the SBRRB members have reviewed and rendered advice on a total of 630 administrative rules impacting small business submitted by state and county agencies. Recently, the SBRRB updated its Small Business Impact Statements, pre- and post-public hearing, in accordance with Chapter 201M, Section 2 and 3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in order to expedite a more consistent rule-review process. The SBRRB has also created a brochure, power point presentation, fact sheet, and evaluation survey in order to explain what the SBRRB’s mission is and how it can assist Hawaii small businesses.

Previously, the SBRRB created RegAlert, a small business regulatory alert system to assist in reducing the regulatory burden of Hawaii small businesses. This service has not been implemented due to a non-existent budget. None of the SBRRB’s current workload could be accomplished without the assistance of DBEDT’s current staff member who divides her workload between DBEDT and the SBRRB. Without a budget that provides for sufficient funding, the SBRRB will continue to have challenges achieving its desired intent in assisting Hawaii’s small business community pursuant to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of House Bill 774.

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Comments:

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