

March 20, 2010

Chairperson Representative Angus McKelvey
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Committee Members
House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Legislature

RE: HCR296

Aloha

As Chairperson and on behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board I offer the following testimony.

The Board supports this resolution with the intent of having the staffing and funding of our Board stabilized.

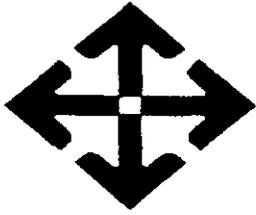
The Board's funding needs are realistic, requiring approximately \$11,480.00 per year. This amount includes airfare for neighbor island members, supplies, postage and designated clerical staffing for our work.

DBEDT has been supporting our costs and our efforts for many years now and with the dedication of the funding they will be able to continue our support of the small business community.

Our Board very much appreciates this Committee's support and we understand your past and current efforts on our behalf are to ensure our continued efforts for our constituents.

Thank you for your kind attention to this testimony.

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March 23, 2010

Testimony To: House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs
Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons
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Subject: HCR 296 – URGING THE GOVERNOR TO PROPERLY FUND THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S SMALL BUSINESSES.

Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Hawaii Business League, a small business service organization and we support this resolution. More to the point however, we support any assistance in the continuing functioning of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

We know that the Board has been an important part of the small business community and although there have been periodic times where it has been hamstrung, other times where it has not had sufficient support and other times, where it has totally fulfilled its purposes and its goals, it nevertheless, has been rather mixed. It is our hope that this legislature and the Governor will find a way to properly fund the Review Board, staff it and, allow it to operate the way that it was envisioned to protect Hawaii's small business community.

We knew we were dreaming when we invented the position of the Small Business Advocate and, of course, we were, because it has never been funded. However, the Board itself has been operating and it accomplished a great deal on behalf of the small business community. We hope that it is allowed to continue and that can only happen if this Board is funded and staffed.

Based on the above, we endorse this resolution, we endorse the Review Board and, we endorse any effort to allow it to flourish.

Thank you.