
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO PROPERLY SUPPORT THE SMALL BUSINESS
REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM IN ASSISTING HAWAII'S
SMALL BUSINESSES.

1 WHEREAS, the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (Board)
2 acts as the watchdog for small businesses within state
3 government; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Board's role is to review state administrative
6 rules or county ordinances that may adversely affect small
7 businesses and recommend to the Legislature or the county
8 council or mayor, as the case may be, that the state or county
9 agencies should review and modify overly burdensome rules or
10 ordinances and evaluate the responsiveness of state or county
11 agencies to small business; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Board is dedicated to the success of the
14 State's small businesses, as well as improving relationships
15 with state and county departments, and has been an instrumental
16 voice within the small business community; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Board has done an effective and efficient job
19 for the State in generating revenue, advertising, and cutting
20 regulatory red tape for small businesses; and
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22 WHEREAS, small business owners who serve on the Board
23 volunteer their time and depend upon the staff of the Board and
24 the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
25 for support and assistance in fulfilling the responsibilities of
26 the Board; and
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28 WHEREAS, the State must demonstrate its recognition of the
29 important role that the Board plays in assisting Hawaii's small



1 businesses by providing the Board with adequate resources,
2 including office space, staff, and budget; and

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4 WHEREAS, the position of Small Business Advocate provides a
5 crucial liaison between the Board and its many members; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Board is currently housed within the
8 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and

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10 WHEREAS, budget cuts and the shortage of staff in the
11 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism have
12 resulted in the elimination of the full-time Small Business
13 Advocate position; and

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15 WHEREAS, the duties of the Small Business Advocate have
16 been assumed by an already lean staff in an attempt to continue
17 the work of the Board in assisting Hawaii's small business
18 community; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
21 and Tourism's reductions of the Board's staffing and resources
22 and the potential reduction in funding of the relatively small
23 cost of transportation of members to Board meetings and the
24 printing and distribution of mandated reports severely undermine
25 the Board's mission to assist Hawaii small business owners; and

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27 WHEREAS, shifting resources away from the Board and
28 elimination of the Small Business Advocate position have
29 crippled the only viable mechanism to assist Hawaii's small
30 business community in reducing the potential adverse impact of
31 proposed new or amended administrative rules; now, therefore,


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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
35 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature strongly
36 urges the Governor to recognize the important role that the
37 Small Business Regulatory Board fulfills as an agency within the
38 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and to
39 demonstrate the State's support for the mission of the Board, by
40 providing adequate resources including office, space, staff, and
41 budget funding that will permit the Board to continue assisting
42 small businesses in the State; and




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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
3 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the
4 Chairperson of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.
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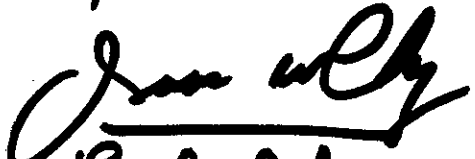
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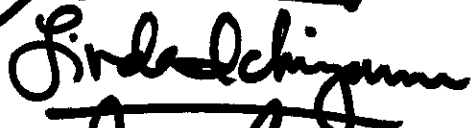






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