

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2015

RE: H.B. No. 774
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 774, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an appropriation to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to hire additional staff.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Small Business Regulatory Review Board; State Procurement Office; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Business League; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) is comprised of representatives from small businesses statewide that volunteer to meet on a monthly basis to review existing, modified, and new administrative rules that affect small businesses. The purpose of this review is to ensure these rules are designed and implemented in the most cost-efficient and straightforward manner possible for small businesses. To date, SBRRB has reviewed over six hundred thirty rules and regulations since its inception in 1998.



Your Committee additionally finds that there is one staff member from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism that is currently assigned to assist the SBRRB. Further, despite the extraordinary mandate of SBRRB, including the requirement that there be at least one volunteer representative from each county, there is no budget reserved for operations and projected goals, such as community outreach. As your Committee noted, even a modest sum appropriated in this measure would provide these volunteers with a dedicated staff member, adequate office supplies, and miscellaneous materials necessary to fulfill their mandate.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 774, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Technology,




GLENN WAKAI, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 774 HD1	EDT, WAM	3/18/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	X			
SLOM, Sam (VC)	X			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				X
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				X
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	X			
ESPERO, Will	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
TOTAL	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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