A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 201M-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) There shall be established within the department of business, economic development, and tourism, for administrative purposes, a small business regulatory review board to review any proposed new or amended rule. If the board determines that a proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses, the board shall submit a statement to that effect to the agency that sets forth the reason for the board's decision. If the board determines that the proposed rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses, the board may submit to the agency suggested changes in the proposed rule to minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule, or may recommend the withdrawal of the proposed rule. The board may also consider any request from small business owners for review of any rule proposed, amended, or adopted by a state agency and to make recommendations to the agency or the legislature regarding the
need for a rule change or legislation. For requests regarding county rules, the board may make recommendations to the county council or the mayor for appropriate action."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Report Title:
Small Business Regulatory Review Board; Powers

Description:
Clarifies the intent of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board's powers when reviewing state and county administrative rules that impact small businesses. (CD1)

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