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TESTIMONY

TO: Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Jonathan Shick, Chair, Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) *Jonathan Shick*

DATE: April 2, 2025 – Room 325 at 2:00 PM

SUBJECT: Support with Comments - Senate Bill 1343 SD1 HD1 – Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board

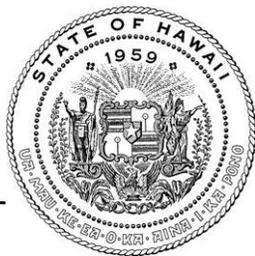
On behalf of the SBRRB, I submit this testimony with comments and in support of Senate Bill (SB) 1343 SD1 HD1, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

The previous SD1 version of SB 1343 amends quorum requirements to do business and validate acts of the SBRRB to account for vacancies, and it would allow the SBRRB to function without interruption thereby benefiting small business owners. The current HD1 version of SB 1343 changes the SBRRB's quorum from a majority of members "currently serving on the board" to a majority of members "appointed and confirmed to serve on the board."

We are concerned that this measure's revisions may have the effect of excluding interim members who are appointed but not confirmed from counting towards quorum. Though unclear, it may also exclude holdover members as well. This would make it much more difficult to meet quorum requirements.

To avoid the exclusion of interim and holdover members from counting towards quorum, we respectfully recommend deletion of "and confirmed" from the revisions of the statute.

Thank you for hearing our support and comments of SB 1343 SD1 HD1.



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2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
SB 1343, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD.

Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Poepoe, and members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports and respectfully offers comments on Senate Bill 1343 SD1 HD1, an Administration bill.

Currently, the SBRRB's statute requires that a majority of all the members to which the board is entitled will constitute a quorum. The HD1 version of this bill would require that quorum will consist of Board members who are appointed and confirmed, rather than members that are currently serving.

While the changes to the bill in HD1 are appreciated, DBEDT defers to the SBRRB's recommendation and proposed revisions. We expect that the proposed revisions will allow the SBRRB to function without interruption at the monthly board meetings.

Thank you for allowing DBEDT the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.