JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR

> SYLVIA LUKE LT. GOVERNOR

JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA DIRECTOR

> DANE K. WICKER DEPUTY DIRECTOR



## DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

KA 'OIHANA HO'OMOHALA PĀ'OIHANA, 'IMI WAIWAI A HO'OMĀKA'IKA'I

No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, 5th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804 Web site: dbedt.hawaii.gov Telephone: (808) 586-2355 Fax: (808) 586-2377

Statement of JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA Director Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

> Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:01 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 016

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

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports Senate Bill 1343 SD1, an Administration bill. This measure allows a majority of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board's (SBRRB's) currently appointed members to constitute a quorum to do business and to take official action at its monthly board meetings.

Currently, the SBRRB's statute requires that a majority of all the members to which the board is entitled will constitute a quorum. We expect that the proposed quorum requirements 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.



## SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 S. Hotel Street, Fifth Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, HI 96804 Email: dbedt.sbrrb.info@hawaii.gov Website: sbrrb.hawaii.gov Tel: 808 798-0737

Josh Green, M.D. Governor

> **Sylvia Luke** *Lt. Governor*

James Kunane Tokioka DBEDT Director

Dane K. Wicker DBEDT Deputy Director

Members

Jonathan Shick Chairperson Oʻahu

Mary Albitz Vice Chairperson Maui

Sanford Morioka 2nd Vice Chairperson Oʻahu

James (Kimo) Lee Hawai'i

Garth Yamanaka Hawai'i

Robert Cundiff Oʻahu

Tessa Gomes Oʻahu

Nikki Ige Kauaʻi

Dr. Jennifer Salisbury Maui

> Mark Ritchie for Director, DBEDT Voting Ex Officio

**TO:** Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

FROM:

TESTIMONY

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

**DATE:** February 20, 2025 – Room 016 & Videoconference at 10:01 a.m.

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

On behalf of the SBRRB, I submit this testimony in <u>support</u> of Senate Bill 1343 SD1, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Senate Bill 1343 SD1 will amend quorum requirements to do business and validate acts of the SBRRB to account for vacancies, and it will allow the SBRRB to function without interruption thereby benefiting small business owners.

I am proud of the success and accomplishments this hardworking group of gratis members has had over the past 25+ years. This measure will ensure the stability of the SBRRB by clarifying its legislative powers under the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Thank you for hearing our comments and the SBRRB's support of Senate Bill 1343 SD1.