STAND. COM. REP. NO. 06-10

Honolulu, Hawaii March 29, 2010

RE: H.C.R. No. 296

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2010 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 296 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO PROPERLY FUND THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO SUPPORT HAWAII'S SMALL BUSINESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to support Hawaii's small businesses by urging the Governor to adequately fund the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

SBRRB, the Hawaii Business League, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the National Federation of Independent Business Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this concurrent resolution.

Hawaii's SBRRB gives small business a significant voice in the rulemaking process and supports our economy by helping small business avoid unnecessary, institutionalized costs imposed by government regulations. At the same time, the cost of maintaining the functions of SBRRB is relatively small. Volunteer small business owners staff SBRRB, review state administrative rules and county ordinances, and recommend modifications.

The elimination of the Small Business Advocate position and reductions in staffing and resources now threaten the ability of the SBRRB to perform its functions. Your Committee finds that if Hawaii is to maintain the health of the small businesses that form



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our economic base, an adequate level of funding and staffing must be restored to SBRRB.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 296 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs,

L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs

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□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Image: Pass, unamended (as is) Image: Pass, with amendments (HD) Image: Hold Image: Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EBM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	V			
2. CHOY, Isaac W. (VC)				
3. BERG, Lyla B.				V
4. EVANS, Cindy				
5. MANAHAN, Joey				
6. TAKAI, K. Mark				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
8. TSUJI, Clift				
9. WAKAI, Glenn		1		
10. WOOLEY, Jessica	V			
11. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (11)	7	-		Ч
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, Committee acrowm(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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