

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

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TO: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism on

other Rob Cundiff. Chairperson FROM: Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB)

DATE: March 9, 2022

SUBJECT: Governor's Message 730 – William Lydgate – Strong Support

On behalf of the SBRRB, I am providing testimony in strong support of Mr. William Lydgate to continue to serve on this board as a representative of the Island of Kauai.

Mr. Lydgate is the fifth generation of Lydgates from Kauai where his family first emigrated in 1867. He hosts regular educational workshops and chocolate tastings at his Steelgrass Farm in Kauai where he grows and harvests chocolate, coffee, tropical fruits and vanilla; he also raises honey bees.

Mr. Lydgate has been a valued member of this Board since 2018. His passion for small business and insightful contributions have been consistent and productive at the monthly board meetings. There is no doubt that Mr. Lydgate will continue to contribute to the SBRRB's future strategic plans and its ongoing commitment to the small business community, especially in the agricultural industry.

Thank you for allowing me to testimony in strong support of Mr. Lydgate's nomination to the SBRRB.



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Statement of MIKE MCCARTNEY Director Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

> Friday, March 11, 2022 3:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of GM 730 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM LYDGATE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2026.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. William Lydgate to continue to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Mr. Lydgate is from the Island of Kauai and president of Steelgrass Farm, located in the hills of Kapaa where he grows and harvests chocolate, coffee, vanilla, tropical fruits and flowers, and honey bees. Steelgrass Farms is an advocate of the benefits of farming sustainability and supports state grown, healthier farms.

DBEDT believes that Mr. Lydgate will continue to be a valued representative from the County of Kauai and a contributing SBRRB member, particularly in the Departments of Agriculture and Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Lydgate.

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