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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2354
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY
REVIEW BOARD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify that the
Small Business Regulatory Review Board has the authority to review
legislation affecting small businesses in response to requests
from small business owners.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; Small Business Regulatory Review Board; Grassroot
Institute of Hawaii; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and two
individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Small Business Regulatory
Review Board (SBRRB) was established to represent the interests of
the State's entrepreneurs in the executive branch. Your Committee
further finds that it is important that the SBRRB's purview is
clearly understood by the small business community and state and
county agencies. This measure increases the impact and
effectiveness of the SBRRB by expanding their scope of
responsibilities to include legislative input.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



