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Statement of
JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Thursday, April 4, 2024
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016 via Videoconference

In consideration of
HB 2354, HD1, 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 House Bill 2354 HD1 SD1. This measure clarifies the intent of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board's (SBRRB's) powers so that in addition to considering any request from small business owners for review of any rule, proposed, amended, or adopted by a state agency, the SBRRB has the authority to review legislation affecting small businesses in response to requests from small business owners.

It is important that the SBRRB's purview is clearly understood by the small business community, state and county agencies, Hawaii business chambers, and trade organizations. The changes are expected to clarify the Board's powers to avoid any misinterpretations.

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

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Submitted on: 4/1/2024 8:20:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Glen Kagamida	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

GREAT IDEA. EVEN MORE SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IS NEEDED.

MAHALO!

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Submitted on: 4/3/2024 10:39:36 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Janet Ashman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill to clarify that the SBRRB is authorized to review legislation affecting small businesses. This Board can play an important role in assuring that the impacts of both laws and regulations impacting small businesses, *including farms*, are fairly considered.

Thank you.