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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

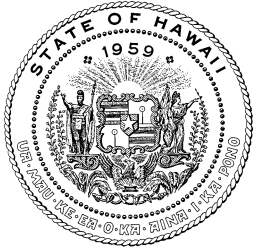
Friday, February 2, 2024  
10:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 423 via Videoconference

In consideration of  
**House Bill 2354**  
**RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD.**

Chair Holt, Vice Chair Lamosao and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports House Bill 2354. 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.



## SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

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### TESTIMONY

**TO:** Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Jackson, and Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

**FROM:** Mary Albitz, Chair, Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) *Mary Albitz*

**DATE:** February 2, 2024 – Room 423 at 10:30 a.m.

**SUBJECT:** Support – House Bill 2354 – Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board

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On behalf of the SBRRB, I submit this testimony in support of House Bill 2354, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Specifically, House/Senate Bill clarifies that, in addition to reviewing any proposed new or amended rule, the SBRRB has the authority to review legislation affecting small businesses.

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 House Bill 2354.

**HB-2354**

Submitted on: 2/2/2024 8:51:40 AM

Testimony for ECD on 2/2/2024 10:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>       |
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| Angela Melody Young | CARES               | Support                   | Remotely Via<br>Zoom |

Comments:

CARES testifies in strong support.