

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1343
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 1343 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 amend the quorum requirements to do business and validate acts of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Small Business Regulatory Review Board; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the current quorum requirement hinders the Small Business Regulatory Review Board's ability to operate, due to vacant board seats. This causes interruptions to the Board's normal functions, making it unable to validate acts and more difficult to support small business owners. This measure amends the quorum requirement to allow a majority of currently appointed members to constitute a quorum and conduct official business.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1343, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1343, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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


LYNN DECOITE, Chair



