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Testimony of  
**JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA**  
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Director  
In consideration of  
**GM 612**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL  
BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
Leelen Park, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2029.**

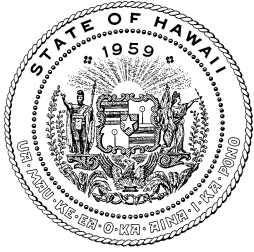
Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee:

I **support** the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Leelen Park to continue to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Since Mr. Park was appointed by Governor Green in 2025, he has attended and actively contributed to the SBRRB's monthly board meetings. Mr. Park resides on Hawai'i Island with memberships that include the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Park also sits on the Board of Directors as Vice President of Feed Hawai'i – Kohala Food Hub, Board of Directors at the Hawai'i County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC), and many others.

Due to Mr. Park's considerable business acumen and expertise, I have great confidence that he will continue to be an asset to the SBRRB's ongoing regulatory commitment to Hawai'i's small business community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



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### TESTIMONY

**TO:** Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

**FROM:** Jonathan Shick, Chairperson *Jonathan Shick*  
Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB)

**DATE:** April 7, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. - Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**SUBJECT:** **Governor's Message 612 – Leelen Park – Strong Support**

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On behalf of the SBRRB, I am providing testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Leelen Park to serve as a member of the SBRRB.

Mr. Park resides on Hawaii Island with memberships that include the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Park sits on the Board of Directors as Vice President of Feed Hawaii – Kohala Food Hub, Board of Directors at the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC) and many others.

With a background in fundraising, strategic leadership, and community engagement, he has led major initiatives at The Food Basket, Inc., including large-scale food security programs and capital campaigns. Leelen is committed to strengthening Hawaii's businesses and communities through collaboration and service.

Based on these attributes of Mr. Leelen Park, as the SBRRB Chair, I am pleased to take this opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Park's nomination to the SBRRB.