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Statement of
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY**

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of

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CHARLES K. H. AU

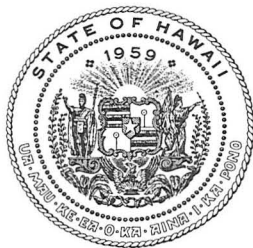
Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee on Economic
Development & Technology:

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supports the
gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Charles K. H. Au to serve as a member of the Small
Business Regulatory Review Board.

Mr. Au has been serving as a member of this Board since November 2005, and
brings to the table a wealth of knowledge in public accounting and taxation. He is a
certified public accountant and has been a partner of Erwin, Cabrinha & Au, LLP, since
1996. He received his B.B.A. in accounting from the University of Hawaii and currently
serves as a member of Small Business Hawaii, the Chinese Jaycees, the American
Institute of CPA's, and a tax committee member of the Hawaii Society of Certified
Public Accountants.

With his strong professionalism, his commitment to the small business community, and his expansive knowledge of accounting and taxes, Mr. Au has been a valuable member to this Board. We therefore urge your favorable consideration of Mr. Au's re-appointment to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support of Mr. Charles Au.



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TO: Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate
Committee on Economic Development and Technology,
Conference Room 016

FROM: Lynne Woods, Chairperson
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: March 11, 2009

SUBJECT: GM 422 – Charles K. H. Au

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, I am providing testimony in strong support of Mr. Charles K. H. Au to serve another term on this Board. Mr. Au has been serving as a member since November 2005, and has become an active participant in the Board's monthly meetings.

Mr. Au is a certified public accountant and has been a partner in the accounting firm of Erwin, Cabrinha & Au, LLP, since 1996. He also holds several professional accounting and community positions. Mr. Au's background is extremely beneficial and important as the Board regularly works on taxation issues and regulations.

Thank you for allowing the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to testify in strong support of Mr. Charles Au.

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**Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Charles
Gubernatorial Nominee, Small Business Regulatory Review Board**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kathy Castillo, Executive Director of the Hawaii Society of Certified Public Accountants (HSCPA). I am testifying in support of the confirmation of Charles K.H. Au as a gubernatorial nominee to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (Board).

A member of the HSCPA and AICPA (American Institute of CPAs), Mr. Au has over 15 years of experience as a certified public accountant specializing in tax and consulting services. As the managing partner of his firm, Erwin Cabrinha & Au, LLP, he is well respected for his vast knowledge and experience in real estate development, construction, not-for-profits, individual and corporate taxation areas.

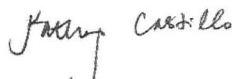
A small business person himself, Mr. Au's leadership and dedication to his firm, clients and community make him an ideal nominee to the Board. As a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, he will provide that same leadership and dedication to helping the Board to fulfill its mission.

It is the responsibility of the Board to consider requests from small business owners for review of any state or county administrative rule. I believe that Mr. Au's experience as a CPA and his understanding of the regulatory obstacles that face small businesses will allow him to make the right decisions that put the people of Hawaii's interest first.

The Hawaii Society of CPAs, with a membership of nearly 1,500 certified public accountants, is the premier professional organization in Hawaii dedicated to maintaining the high professional and ethical standards of certified public accountants in public practice, business and industry, government and education.

For these reasons, I urge you to confirm Mr. Au's nomination to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Castillo