
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes that small
2 businesses are an integral part of Hawaii's economy, comprising
3 over ninety-five per cent of employers in the State and
4 providing an estimated fifty-five per cent of private-sector
5 jobs. Small business advocates have repeatedly raised concerns
6 regarding regulatory processes. The small business regulatory
7 review board was established in 1998 to support small businesses
8 by addressing concerns regarding regulatory issues. Regulatory
9 processes should be reviewed periodically to ensure that they
10 remain current and relevant, thereby creating a dynamic business
11 environment and encouraging a more robust economy.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
13 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
14 convene a working group to identify redundant and obsolete state
15 and county laws related to small business.

16 SECTION 2. (a) The department of business, economic
17 development, and tourism shall convene a working group to
18 identify redundant and obsolete laws related to small business.



1 The working group shall be attached to the small business
2 regulatory review board for administrative purposes.

3 (b) The working group shall be composed of:

4 (1) The director of business, economic development, and
5 tourism, or the director's designee, who shall serve
6 as the chair of the working group;

7 (2) Five individuals representing private-sector
8 businesses and organizations, selected by the chair of
9 the working group and who shall not be made subject to
10 chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of
11 their participation as members of the working group;
12 and

13 (3) Five individuals representing public-sector agencies
14 or departments, selected by the chair of the working
15 group.

16 (c) The working group shall review and make
17 recommendations regarding laws affecting small businesses among
18 the following sources of law:

19 (1) Hawaii Revised Statutes;

20 (2) Hawaii Administrative Rules; and

21 (3) County ordinances.



1 (d) The working group shall submit reports of its findings
 2 and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the
 3 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 4 the 2013 and 2014 regular sessions.

5 (e) The working group shall cease to exist on June 30,
 6 2014.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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H.B. NO. 2268

Report Title:

Small Business; Redundant and Obsolete Laws; Working Group

Description:

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a working group, administratively attached to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, to identify redundant and obsolete state and county laws related to small business. Requires reports to the Legislature.

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