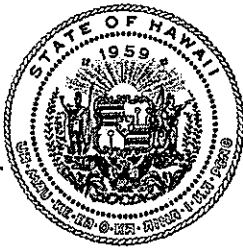


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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Small Business Regulatory Review Board, Gubernatorial
Nominee, BARBARA BENNETT, for a term to expire 6-30-
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before the
**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND
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Wednesday, March 13, 2013
3:00 PM
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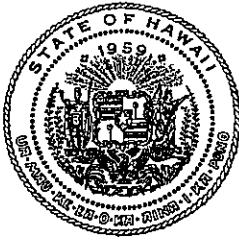
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**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL
BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BARBARA
BENNETT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Barbara Bennett to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. A resident of Kauai, Ms. Bennett has been serving as an interim member of this Board since December 2012. She is a small business owner and publisher of the monthly online community magazine, *For Kauai*. She previously served on the Board of the Kauai Business Bureau, won the Small Business Administration's Women's Advocate Champion award, and founded the Women in Business Roundtable.

With an extensive business background that has spanned over fifty years, and strong presence from the Island of Kauai, DBEDT believes Ms. Bennett will be a valuable asset to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Bennett's nomination.



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TO: Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Slom, and
Members of the Committee on Economic Development,
Government Operations and Housing

FROM: Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, Temporary Chairperson
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: March 13, 2013

SUBJECT: GM 527 Barbara Bennett - Support

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in support of Ms. Barbara Bennett to serve as a member of this Board. Ms. Bennett is a resident of Kauai, and has served as an interim member since December 2012. Within that short period of time, it is apparent that Ms. Bennett brings an enormous amount of knowledge, small business background and proven leadership ability as evidenced by her strong business and community experience. She is currently the owner and publisher of the online magazine *For Kauai*.

Under Section 201M-5, Hawaii Revised Statute, the Regulatory Flexibility Act specifies that there shall be at least one representative from each County to serve as a member of this Board. To maintain this requirement, the SBRRB requires an individual from the Island of Kauai. Therefore, with the approval of Ms. Bennett's nomination, the Kauai County representation requirement will be met.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and to request your consideration in approving support of Ms. Barbara Bennett as an SBRRB member.



The Senate

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March 11, 2013

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz
Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing
Hawaii State Capitol
451 South Beretania Street, Rm. 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Gubernatorial Nominee: Barbara Bennett
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Dear Senator Dela Cruz:

I am informed that Barabra Bennett has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie for a position on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. I am in strong support of Ms. Bennett's nomination and I am sure that she will do an exemplary job as a member of the council if approved by your committee.

It is my firm belief that if confirmed, Ms. Bennett will become a valuable asset to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board with over 50 years of business experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

RONALD D. KOUCHI
Senator – 8th Senatorial District

cc: Barbara Bennett