

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 40

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 266

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 266 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist small businesses in Hawaii by dedicating funding for the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (Board) through the establishment of a line item for the Board within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

The Board, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and Hawaii Business League testified in support of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supported the intent of this measure.

The Board is composed of members representing small businesses throughout the State. The Board provides comment and input into the administrative rulemaking process, and provides recommendations to the Legislature, Governor, and the counties on rule changes to help small businesses. The Board provides an integral interface between the small business community and policymakers and government agencies.

However, while the Board is currently funded through moneys appropriated to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, there is no specific allocation for the Board and

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therefore the Board, at times, lacks the financial resources necessary to carry out its mission. Your Committee notes that, according to the Board, operational costs, including travel, postage, educational, and other administrative costs equate to approximately \$20,000 per year. Establishing a line item for the Board within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism would provide a mechanism for the Board to be assured of funds for its continued operation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 266 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business,



DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 266</i>	Committee Referral: <i>EDB, FID</i>	Date: <i>3 Feb 15</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (C)	✓			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	✓			
3. BROWER, Tom	✓			
4. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
5. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
6. ITO, Ken				✓
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
10. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
13. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (13)	12			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Samuel O'Keefe</i></u>				
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