

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 79

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 9, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 774  
H.D. 1

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. 774 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist small business in Hawaii by appropriating funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to allow the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (Board) to hire additional staff to carry out the Board's mission.

The State Procurement Office, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Hawaii Business League, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism testified in support of the intent of this measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition.

The Board provides input into the administrative rulemaking process and provides vital recommendations to policymakers and State and county agencies to aid small businesses in Hawaii. However, the Board currently lacks sufficient staffing to adequately carry out this mission. Your Committee finds that providing funding to facilitate the hiring of staff by the Board would benefit small businesses in Hawaii.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the amount appropriated for the Board to acquire additional staff from \$50,000 to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion.

Your Committee notes that, according to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, approximately \$140,000 to \$150,000 would be the ideal sum to adequately fund full operations of the Board. Accordingly, should the Committee on Finance deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$140,000 to \$150,000 for the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to hire additional staff.

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. 774, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 774, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 114</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDB, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3 FEB 15</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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, Cliff	✓			
11. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
12. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
13. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>1</b>
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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