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### Statement of LUIS P. SALAVERIA

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 1:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of

#### GM535

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT CUNDIFF, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Robert Cundiff to continue to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Mr. Cundiff is senior vice president of Rengo Packaging, Inc., past president of Hawaii Box & Packaging, Inc., and previously spent twenty-seven years as a general manager with Weyerhaeuser Company in Hawaii. He is active in many community organizations and serves on the Board of Parks & Recreation for the City & County of Honolulu, on the Ahahui Koa Anuenue, and the Advisory Board of the June Jones Foundation. Mr. Cundiff is a graduate of Iolani High School and holds a Business and Economics degree from Hawaii Pacific University.

Mr. Cundiff has been a member of the SBRRB since April 2015. We believe that based on his strong business acumen and proven leadership, he will continue to assist the SBRRB in its commitment to Hawaii's small business community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Mr. Cundiff's nomination to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

## Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and Technology Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 1:15 P.M. Conference Room 414, State Capitol

### RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 535 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT CUNDIFF

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** the confirmation of Mr. Robert Cundiff to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,600+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Robert Cundiff is currently Senior Vice President of Rengo Packaging, Inc., having served as its president from 2011-2015, as well as president of Hawaii Box & Packaging, Inc., and General Manager of the Weyerhaeuser Hawaii box plant, spanning a 27-plus year career in the packaging business. His extensive experience in the packaging industry and active involvement in the community makes him an excellent candidate for the SBRRB.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our support for this nomination.

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### <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

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Director, DBEDT Voting Ex Officio TO: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the

Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and

Technology - Room 414

FROM: Anthony Borge, Chairperson

Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 1:15 p.m.

SUBJECT: GM 535 Robert Cundiff – Strong Support

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in strong support of Mr. Robert Cundiff's nomination to continue to serve as a member of the SBRRB until June 30, 2020. He has been serving as a member since April 2015, and has brought to this Board a strong professional and business background.

Mr. Cundiff is currently the senior vice president of Rengo Packaging, Inc., and past president of Hawaii Box & Packaging, Inc. Prior to this, he worked as a general manager of Weyerhaeuser Company in Hawaii. He is active in community organizations and currently serves on the Board of Parks & Recreation for the City and County of Honolulu, the Board of Ahahui Koa Anuenue, and on the Advisory Board of the June Jones Foundation.

As the chair of the SBRRB, I am pleased to take this opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Cundiff's nomination to the SBRRB.