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Statement of  
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before the

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

Monday, January 30, 2017  
1:15 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

in consideration of  
**SB762**

**RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD.**

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 (DBEDT) supports SB762, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, which appropriates funds to provide additional resources for the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), as long as this initiative does not replace our priorities in the Executive Budget.

The Legislature established the SBRRB in 1998 and reaffirmed its belief in its importance by making it a permanent body in 2001. Since its inception, it has been perhaps the single most important voice on regulations within government for the 96% of the State's employers with fewer than 100 employees; these employers face a significant burden in complying with the administrative rules that regulate so many aspects of business today.

The SBRRB meets monthly and its volunteer business owner/officer members spend many unpaid hours reviewing existing, new, and modified administrative rules that affect small business. They analyze hundreds of pages of proposed rules to determine if there are better ways to make them less complex and costly for smaller firms. The SBRRB is also statutorily required to review requests from small business owners for reviews of any rules adopted by a state agency, and to organize and hold conferences on problems affecting small business.

In order to create a stronger public awareness about this Board to assist those small businesses in need of regulatory relief to concur with Chapter 201M, HRS, sufficient funds for the SBRRB's outreach and operating expenses are requested.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of SB762.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII  
*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism and  
Technology  
Monday, January 30, 2017 at 1:15 P.M.  
Conference Room 414, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 762 RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY  
REVIEW BOARD**

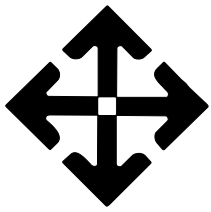
Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** SB 762, which appropriates funds to DBEDT to provide additional resources for the small business regulatory review board.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,400 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.

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board is an important function in government that provides a focal point for the small business community to have input into the mire of various county and state agency regulations. However, the agency resources are very limited. We believe that this appropriation will help provided that added effectiveness to the agency to better do their job in helping the small business community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony To: Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology  
Senator Glenn, Wakai, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, President

Subject: S.B. 762 - RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD.

Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of The Hawaii Business League, a small business service organization. We support this bill.

In consideration of the importance of small business in Hawaii and its large contribution to the overall economic well being of the State of Hawaii we think that the paltry sum of \$50,000.00 in order to enable the Small Business Regulatory Review Board is hardly too much to ask. Based on the important function that this Board serves and could serve even better if it was properly funded, we highly recommend your favorable support.

Thank you.

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Comments: Please support the important work of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (its members are dedicated volunteers from the community) by providing it with the funding it needs. Thank you.

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