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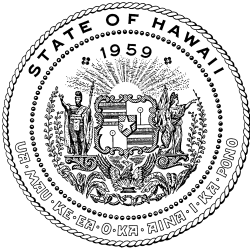
Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
Director
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND
TECHNOLOGY**
April 6, 2018
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414
In consideration of
GM513 and GM514
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL
BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
REG BAKER, FOR TERMSTO EXPIRE 6-30-2018 and 6-30-2022.**

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 strongly supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Reg Baker to continue to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Mr. Baker has been an interim member of the SBRRB since September 2017 and brings a wealth of knowledge to the monthly board meetings, particularly in regulatory issues and administrative rules on taxation and labor. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and the owner of Reg Baker, CPA, LLC, nationally recognized as a specialist in small and mid-sized businesses. In addition to serving as a member on several other boards, Mr. Baker serves on the National Board of Directors for the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board and is the Chairman of Region IX of the Small Business Administration's Board of Directors.

We believe that with Mr. Baker's vast business experience spanning over twenty-five years, strong regulatory knowledge and proven leadership ability, he will continue to assist the SBRRB in its regulatory commitment to Hawaii's small business community.

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



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TO: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology

FROM: Anthony Borge, Chairperson
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: April 6, 2018 – Room 414 – 1:15 p.m.

SUBJECT: GM 513 and 514 Reg Baker – Strong Support

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in strong support of Mr. Reg Baker's nomination to continue to serve as a member of the SBRRB until June 30, 2020. He has been serving as an interim member since September 2017, and has brought to this Board strong professional and business acumen particularly as it relates to regulations on taxation and labor.

Since 1991, Mr. Baker has been the managing member/partner of Reg Baker, CPA, LLC. Prior to this, his experience included chairman of the executive committee for PKF Hawaii, executive vice president & treasurer for Hawaii Medical Assurance Association and COO & CFO for Stars & Stripes Air Tours.

Mr. Baker is also active in various community organizations and boards, and hosts a weekly livestream show "Business in Hawaii with Reg Baker" where he has over 16,000 viewers, and has hosted the SBRRB three times in the past two years.

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



Written Statement of
Robbie Melton
Executive Director & CEO
Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology
Friday, April 6, 2018
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of
**GM513/GM514 IN CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL
BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, REG
BAKER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support the confirmation** of Mr. Reg Baker to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Reg brings to the board a wealth of experience with his background in business, accounting, finance, and entrepreneurship. Reg has been assisting HTDC as a reviewer on the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research grant application ad hoc committee and has mentored early stage start-ups demonstrating his commitment to supporting the small business community. Reg is knowledgeable, articulate, and well versed in the challenges that Hawaii small businesses face. Reg would be a great representative on the board.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.