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Statement of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND
TECHNOLOGY**

April 6, 2018

1:15 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of

GM673 and GM674

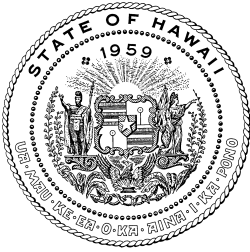
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL
BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
WILLIAM LYDGATE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2018 and 6-30-2022.**

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 (DBEDT) strongly supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. William Lydgate to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Mr. Lydgate is from the Island of Kauai and president of Steelgrass Farm, located in the hills of Kapaa where he grows and harvests chocolate, coffee, vanilla, tropical fruits and flowers, and honey bees. Steelgrass Farms is an advocate of the benefits of farming sustainability and supports state grown, healthier farms.

DBEDT is confident that Mr. Lydgate will be a valued representative from the County of Kauai and a contributing SBRRB member, particularly in the departments of agriculture and land and natural resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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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 673 and 674 – William Lydgate – Strong Support

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in strong support of Mr. William Lydgate to serve on this board as a representative of the Island of Kauai.

Mr. Lydgate is the fifth generation of Lydgates from Kauai where his family first emigrated in 1867. He hosts regular educational workshops and chocolate tastings at his Steelgrass Farm in Kauai where he grows and harvests chocolate, coffee, tropical fruits and vanilla; he also raises honey bees.

As the chair of the SBRRB, I am confident that Mr. Lydgate will contribute to the SBRRB's future strategic plans and its ongoing commitment to the small business community, particularly in the agricultural field.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in strong support of Mr. Lydgate's nomination to the SBRRB.