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Testimony To: House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Representative Cindy Evans, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons
President

Subject: H.B. 2235 – RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW
BOARD.

Chair Evans and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Hawaii Business League, a small business service organization.

We support this bill.

This bill merely clarifies that the Board may deliberate and make recommendations on not only rules that have been adopted, but also those that are proposed or have already have been amended.

We find that to be a necessary enhancement of the functions of the Board. It is far more efficient for the Board to get involved on proposed rules than those that have already been adopted. To this extent we believe it will help the Board fulfill its mission.

Based on the above, we recommend your adoption.

Thank you.



COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

TIME: 10:00am

PLACE: Conference Room 309

TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB2235 RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Keohokalole; Members of the EDP Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC), speaking in **Strong Support of HB 2235** Clarifying the SBRRB's powers when reviewing state and county administrative rules that impact small businesses.

The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated. Many of them have been in business for several decades and are an important and valued part of their respective communities. Most of these businesses operate from State Boating Facilities and are subject to a plethora of rules from the State, and County Governments.

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board has the potential to help these small business in finding ways to solve administrative problems through rule making that will have less negative impact to small business.

Please pass HB 2235.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President OTC

HB-2235

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 5:01:07 PM

Testimony for EDB on 1/31/2018 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Reg Baker	Reg Baker, CPA	Support	No

Comments:

Reg Baker CPA, speaking as Co-Chair of the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce Small Business and Economic Development Committee and serving as Chair of Region IX of the US Small Business Administration Regulatory Fairness Board, I would like to strongly encourage passage of HB 2235. For Hawaii's Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) to be effective and support small business in Hawaii it is essential that all stakeholders have clarity of the SBRRB powers and mission. This clarity will ensure that the SBRRB outreach efforts are successful and embraced by all members of the small business community in Hawaii.



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Statement of
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

Wednesday, January 31, 2018
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of
HB 2235
RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD.

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development & Business.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism supports HB 2235. This measure clarifies the intent of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board's powers when reviewing State and County administrative rules that impact small business.

It is important that the Small Business Regulatory Review Board's purview is clearly understood by the small business community, state and county agencies, Hawaii business chambers, and trade organizations. The changes are expected to clarify the Board's powers to avoid any misinterpretations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2235.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol**

**RE: HOUSE BILL 2235 RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY
REVIEW BOARD**

Chair Evans, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** HB 2235, which clarifies the intent of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board's powers when reviewing state and county administrative rules that impact small business.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ 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.

For Hawaii's Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) to be effective and support small business in Hawaii it is essential that all stakeholders have clarity of the SBRRB powers and mission. This clarity will ensure that the SBRRB outreach efforts are successful and embraced by all members of the small business community in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.