

## SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

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### **MEMORANDUM**

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

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

**FROM:** Anthony Borge, Chairperson  
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

**DATE:** February 27, 2018 – Room 229 at 1:15 p.m.

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 2753, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board – Strong Support

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On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 2753, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

This measure clarifies the powers of the SBRRB when reviewing state and county administrative rules that impact small business to avoid any misinterpretations, which have occurred from time to time in the past.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Senate Bill 2753.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII  
*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Tourism &  
Technology and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, & Military Affairs  
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 1:15 P.M.  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 2753 RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS  
REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD**

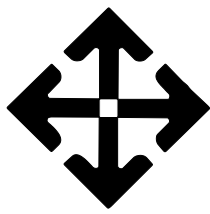
Chairs Wakai and Nishihara, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** SB 2753, 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.



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February 27, 2018

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

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Senator Clarence K Nishihara, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons  
President

Subject: S.B. 2753 – RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW  
BOARD.

Chair Wakai, Chair Nishihara and Members of the Joint 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.

**SB-2753**

Submitted on: 2/24/2018 7:16:14 PM

Testimony for ETT on 2/27/2018 1:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments:

Strong support for clarification of the intent of the role of the SBRRB.

Thank you.



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February 27, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND  
TECHNOLOGY  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND  
MILITARY AFFAIRS

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2753**  
RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

Room 229  
1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Wakai, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committees:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports SB 2753**, which will clarify the intent of the Small Business regulatory review board's powers to protect small businesses in Hawaii from unnecessary and overburdensome rules at the state and county level.

Over the years, our farmer and rancher members have benefited from the Board's conscientious review of rules and its work to ensure that proposed rules are necessary and appropriate. The work of the Board provides the checks and balances to assure the timely adoption of sound administrative agency rules, while assuring that farmers, ranchers, and other small businesses remain viable. The Board review helps to ensure that the proposed rules will be drafted in a manner that will protect the public health, welfare, and safety without placing an undue and significant burden upon small business.

One of the many obstacles hindering the growth and success of small businesses in Hawaii is the burdensome, duplicative, costly, and often unnecessary administrative rules that disproportionately impact small businesses. The SBRRB can protect and foster the viability of small business by providing input and recommendations to the county and state agencies on rules that may otherwise have a detrimental impact on these businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the work of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.