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Statement of
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before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Friday, March 29, 2019
2:50 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 414

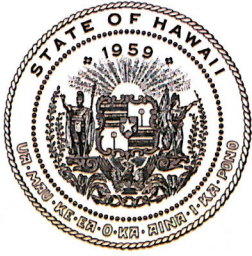
In consideration of
GM 559

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

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Jonathan Shick to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Mr. Shick, an Oahu resident, brings a diverse professional background to the SBRRB. He currently owns Pono Consulting Group, LLC, was Senior Consultant of Allana Buick & Bers, Inc., Project Manager of DRI Companies in Irvine, California, and prior to that, was Assistant Superintendent for Kitchell Contractors, Inc., in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Shick received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Masters in Structural Civil Engineering.

We thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Shick's nomination to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.



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

FROM: Anthony Borge, Chairperson
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: March 29, 2019 – Room 414 at 2:50 p.m.

SUBJECT: **GM 559 Jonathan Shick – Strong Support**

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in strong support of Mr. Jonathan Shick's nomination to serve as a member of the SBRRB. Mr. Shick is currently the owner of Pono Consulting Group, LLC, a development consulting company where, in addition to real estate development, he has a vast business background and knowledge of healthcare hospitality and renewable energy industries.

Mr. Shick holds both a bachelor and master's degree in Civil Engineering and is a member of numerous professional organizations; including the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce where he is an active member in the Young Professionals Organization, American Society of Civil Engineers, Project Management Institute, and many others.

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

IRONGATE, LLC

March 25, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for Jonathan Shick to serve on Small Business Regulatory Review Board. I have known Jonathan since 2012 when he first started attending events with the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Jonathan was very eager to meet other business leaders and business owners to learn and discuss issues that they face in Hawaii's business environment. His natural ease made him very approachable and he was able to provide his thoughts on issues. Jonathan would also join the Chamber's Young Professionals Program where he would be given the opportunity to meet with other business leaders that would provide perspective in running his own business.

Since 2013, I have watched Jonathan start and grow his companies. Jonathan would start Pono Consulting Group, a construction and project management firm. He would work with a number of small and large businesses in providing construction and consultation services focused on building better and improving the quality of the construction industry in Hawaii. I would personally work with him on the Ritz Carlton Waikiki Residence project where his company would provide their thoughts and expertise on an issue with some damaged tile. Additionally, Jonathan would expand his entrepreneurial portfolio and open "Big Kid's" Candy Shop, an automotive supply store that combines his passion for business with his love of cars.

These businesses have provided Jonathan with firsthand knowledge in industries dealing with business to business and business to consumer. Jonathan's experience gives him the opportunity to see both sides of regulations. Coming from a construction and automotive background, he sees the need for appropriate regulations that provide security and safety to businesses, employees, and the general public. However, he also sees the need to balance those regulations that allow and encourage our residences to start and grow businesses, which is the foundation of our economy.

I believe these qualifications make Jonathan an excellent candidate for the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-258-9131.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Okamura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kyle Okamura
Project Accountant - Hawaii, Irongate

Small Business Regulatory Board
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March 28, 2019

Members of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board,

I am writing to offer my full support of Jonathan Shick's nomination to serve on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. I have known Jonathan since 2013 when he managed projects as a subcontractor for Opterra Energy Services as his own small business, Pono Consulting, while I was with OpTerra. I was introduced to Jonathan by a colleague in the industry I held in high regard when our company needed the type of services Jonathan provided. Jonathan was everything that was described to me and more. Jonathan was instrumental in our project development and construction efforts for a large, multi-million dollar contract we obtained.

Jonathan had to work with a number of challenging personalities, both on the team and with the client. He was able to successfully navigate through numerous issues that arose while maintaining a solid relationship with everyone he interacted with. When tough conversations needed to happen, Jonathan didn't shy away from them and was able to communicate effectively and address things head-on which was extremely important for the work he was doing for us.

In addition to his activities with OpTerra, he started other businesses and was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. He understand what it takes to successful start and run a small business over the long term. He is also honest and ethical, ensuring rules/standards/regulations are always met and never took shortcuts. In the construction industry this is extremely important and not always common.

Based on my knowledge of Jonathan, I believe Jonathan would be an excellent addition to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. Should you have any questions or would like further information on Jonathan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brian Kealoha
Executive Director, Hawai'i Energy