



SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
No. 1 Capitol District Bldg., 250 South Hotel St. 5th Fl., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, Hawaii 96804
Email: dbedt.sbrb@hawaii.gov
Website: dbedt.hawaii.gov/sbrb

Tel 808 586-2594

MEMORANDUM

David Y. Ige
Governor

Michael McCartney
DBEDT Director

Members

Anthony Borge
Chairperson
O'ahu

Robert Cundiff
Vice Chairperson
O'ahu

Garth Yamanaka
2nd Vice Chairperson
Hawai'i

Harris Nakamoto
O'ahu

Nancy Atmospera-Walch
O'ahu

Mary Albitz
Maui

William Lydgate
Kaua'i

Director, DBEDT
Voting Ex Officio

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

FROM: Anthony Borge, Chairperson
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: February 4, 2019 – Room 414 at 3:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 1348, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory
Review Board – Strong Support

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 1348, 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 1348.



P.O. Box 253, Kunia, Hawai'i 96759
Phone: (808) 848-2074; Fax: (808) 848-1921
e-mail info@hfbf.org; www.hfbf.org

February 4, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

TESTIMONY ON SB 1348
RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

Room 414
3:00 PM

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director 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 interest of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau offers the following comments on SB 1348, which aims to clarify the intent of the Small Business regulatory review board's powers. **We believe that the Board should have the broadest authority possible to protect small businesses in Hawaii from unnecessary and overburdensome rules.** HFB also believes that the Board should be adequately funded so that it can accomplish its mission.

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 protects and fosters the viability of small business by providing input and recommendations to 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.



MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 414
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair;
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism;

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1348 RELATING TO
THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, with approximately 650 members. We appreciate the opportunity to support SB 1348.

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board is extremely important to protect small businesses in our state and we support the expansion of their authority.

As many proposed, amended, and adopted rules by state agencies create significant impacts on small businesses, we support this bill that would allow the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to now review proposed and amended rules as well. This change will be very beneficial as the Small Business Regulatory Review Board could review a proposed change to determine its effects on small businesses before it is passed, which provides the opportunity for additional testimony on the proposed rule and better protects small businesses.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we ask that this bill be passed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.