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DATE: Friday, January 31, 2020

TIME: 9:30AM

PLACE: Conference Room 309

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT OF HB2078
RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and Members of the EDB Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC),
**speaking in SUPPORT OF HB 2078 RELATING THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY
FLEXIBILITY ACT.**

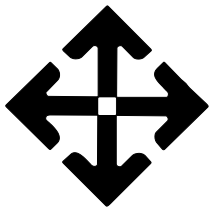
The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated. The Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) is very important to every small business in the State. It must have adequate funding to be effective. All members of this important board serve without compensation for their time. Funding provides administrative support as well as reimbursement for travel expense. Please pass this important legislation to provide the mechanism to fund the SBRRB

Please pass HB2078 to help all small businesses in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President

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January 31, 2020

Testimony To: House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons
President

Subject: H.B. 2078 - RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY
FLEXIBILITY ACT.

Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, President of the Hawaii Business League, a small business service organization and we support this bill.

SBRB has struggled with a financial footing since its very day of inception. Although this bill doesn't guarantee that any money will be put on its line item, it at least establishes that there is to be a line item and hopefully somebody can fill in the blank with an amount that can help justify the existences of small business in our state which is afterall, the backbone of the business community.

Based on the above, we can highly recommend passage of this bill.

Thank you.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development and Business
Friday, January 31, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 309, State Capitol**

**RE: HB 2078, RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY
FLEXIBILITY ACT**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 2078, which would entitle the small business regulatory review board to a separate line item within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing 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.

The small business regulatory review board plays a vital function in reviewing various agencies' rules and regulations and provides input on how those rules and regulations impact small businesses in Hawaii. As one of the most regulated states in the nation, the board oversight and input are essential to the well-being of businesses in Hawaii. Ensuring that the board has adequate funding will help to make sure that it can carry out its duties.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2078.

TO: Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and Members of the House
Committee on Economic Development & Business

FROM: Garth Yamanaka

DATE: January 31, 2020 – Room 309 at 9:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: House Bill 2078, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act


As an individual who has been serving as a board member on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) for the past five years, I am providing support of House Bill 2078. This measure entitles the SBRRB to a separate line item within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Without a set budget, I am greatly aware of the challenges the SBRRB volunteers have encountered to provide sufficient outreach to the small business community to enhance the growth of small business in Hawaii. While I am proud of the successes and accomplishments this hardworking group of gratis members has had, to date, I personally believe that the SBRRB could greatly improve upon its outreach to the small business community if a budget was granted.

Thank you for hearing my testimony in support of House Bill 2078.

TESTIMONY

TO: Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the House
Committee on Business, Economic Development & Business

FROM: Nancy Atmospera-Walch 

DATE: January 31, 2020 – Room 309 at 9:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: House Bill 2078 Relating to the Small Business Regulatory
Flexibility Act

Please be advised that as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) for the past five years, I am providing comments in support of House Bill 2078 as an individual.

SB2078 entitles the SBRRB to a separate line item within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

The SBRRB consists of ten small business owners across the State, providing recommendations to State and County Agencies and to the Governor and Mayors on new and amended administrative rules that impact small business. As a small businessowner I am proud to be a member of this conscientious and pro-active Board that is dedicated to the regulatory success of the State's small businesses.

To continue with the board's efforts, a separate line item will provide the SBRRB with the stability to continue with to do the work of its statute that is essential to a strong regulatory environment.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2078.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the House
Committee on Business, Economic Development & Business

FROM: Mary Albitz

DATE: January 31, 2020 -- Room 309 at 9:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: House Bill 2078 Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act

As a board member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) for the past two years, I am providing comments as an **individual in support** of House Bill 2078.

SB2078 entitles the SBRRB to a separate line item within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

The SBRRB is comprised of eleven owners of small businesses across the State, of which I represent Maui County. We provide recommendations to State and County Agencies and to the Governor and Mayors on new and amended Hawaii Administrative Rules that directly impact small business.

To continue with the board members efforts, a separate line item will provide the SBRRB with the strength needed to do the work of its statute that is vital to a stable regulatory environment.

I thank you for hearing my testimony in support of House Bill 2078.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the House
Committee on Business, Economic Development & Business

FROM: William Lydgate

DATE: January 31, 2020 – Room 309 at 9:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: House Bill 2078 Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act

I am currently serving as a board member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) however, I am providing comments as an individual in support of House Bill 2078.


This measure entitles the SBRRB to a separate line item within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

The SBRRB has become a very instrumental voice within Hawaii's small business community. Having a budget will help assist the SBRRB volunteers with the stability needed to efficiently carry on the work that supports the regulatory activity of Hawaii's small business community.

As a proud member of this Board, thank you for hearing my testimony in support of House Bill 2078.

Handwritten signature of William Lydgate in black ink.

TO: Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the House Committee on Business, Economic Development & Business

FROM: James (Kimo) Lee 

DATE: January 31, 2020 – Room 309 at 9:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: Support - House Bill 2078 - Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act

As a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) for the past year, I support House Bill 2078 as an individual.

SB2078 entitles the SBRRB to a separate line item within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

The SBRRB is responsible for reviewing Hawaii Administrative Rules proposed by State and County agencies to determine the impact on Hawaii small businesses. It is an essential voice in determining business impact and seeking ways to work with the rule-drafting agencies to lessen the often very damaging effect this has on those businesses least able to hand the added burden.

Please strongly consider a separate budget line item for the SBRRB so it can continue in its quest to support Hawaii's regulatory environment more effectively and efficiently.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2078.



MAUI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

LATE

**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 309
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M.**

To The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair;
The Honorable Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Economic Development & Business,

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2078 RELATING TO THE
SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXABILITY ACT**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our support of HB2078.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports HB2078 to entitle the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to a separate line item within the budget of DBEDT. The Small Business Regulatory Review Board was created to help share the voice of small businesses and give an opportunity to address business concerns on regulations and rules. They are a much needed body to inform both legislators and the government departments how regulations impact businesses. We wholeheartedly support the Small Business Regulatory Review Board having its own line item funding to ensure they are successful in their purpose, without being subject to cuts that have occurred in the past when they were part of the broader DBEDT funding.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this matter and ask that this bill be passed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

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.

LATE

TESTIMONY

TO: Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the House
Committee on Economic Development & Business

FROM: Robert Cundiff

DATE: January 31, 2020 – Room 309 at 9:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: Support - House Bill 2078 – Relating to the Small Business Regulatory
Flexibility Act

I submit this testimony in support of House Bill 2078 as an individual. I have been a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) for the past 5 years and believe this measure will be extremely beneficial for SBRRB's outreach and operating expenses.

Specifically, House Bill 2078 entitles the SBRRB to a separate line item within the budget of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

Without a budget, the SBRRB volunteers have been challenged to provide sufficient outreach to the small business community to provide a valuable, needed service to enable and enhance the growth of small business in Hawaii. Curtailing, and or minimizing the negative economic impact that existing and proposed rules/regulations have on the thousands of small businesses is not an option if we are to sustain positive economic growth within the State.

I am proud of the success and accomplishments this hardworking group of gratis members has had with no specific budget, but the SBRRB could greatly improve outreach to the small business community if a sufficient budget was granted.

Thank you for hearing my comments and support of House Bill 2078.