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Statement of  
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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS**

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

10:10 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of

**HB 539**

**RELATED TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD.**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa and members of the Committee.

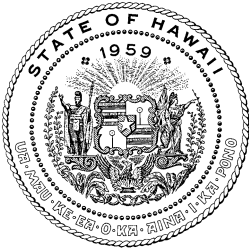
The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism offers **comments** on House Bill 539. This measure appropriates \$74,000 for staffing, inter-island travel, and other related operating expenses associated with the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

SBRRB's base budget funds are included in HB1563 which includes two permanent civil service positions assigned to staff the SBRRB. The Administration is requesting an additional \$10,000 for inter-island travel and website improvements to help strengthen the SBRRB's ability for outreach purposes.

DBEDT appreciates the over-all intent of this bill to create a stronger public awareness for the SBRRB to assist those small businesses in need of regulatory relief, but we are concerned that its passage not replace or adversely impact the Administration's financial plan.

The Legislature established the SBRRB in 1998 and reaffirmed its belief in its importance by making it a permanent body in 2001. Since its inception, the SBRRB has enjoyed many successes and is perhaps the single most important voice on regulations within the government for the approximate 96% of the State's employers with fewer than 100 employers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

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

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

DATE: February 6, 2019 – Room 309 at 10:10 a.m.

SUBJECT: House Bill 539, Related 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 House Bill 539, Related to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board. This measure appropriates funds to DBEDT to provide additional resources for the SBRRB as there is no budget reserved in DBEDT for the SBRRB's operations.

The SBRRB is required to review requests from small business owners for review of any rule adopted by a state agency, and to organize and hold conferences on problems affecting small business. Statutorily, the board is required to have "at least one representative from each county," which requires adequate travel and transportation costs.

Annual expenses for travel alone approximate \$15,000. 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 promote and defend the continued growth of small businesses in Hawaii.

While I am proud of the accomplishments of this very hardworking and dedicated group of volunteers, the SBRRB has had a moderate level of success reducing expensive impacts on small business, which would greatly improve with sufficient funds for marketing and outreach to the small business community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of House Bill 539.



**TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309  
415 South Beretania Street  
10:10 AM**

February 6, 2019

RE: HB 539 - RELATED TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee:

My name is Gladys Quinto-Marrone, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-Hawaii is in strong support of H.B. 539 which proposes to appropriate funds for staffing, commissioner inter-island travel, and other related operating expenses associated with the small business regulatory review board under the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

The Board plays a vital function in reviewing various agencies rules and regulations, providing 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.

We are in strong support of H.B. 539, and appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this matter.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII  
*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development & Business  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 10:10 A.M.  
Conference Room 309, State Capitol**

**RE: HB 539, RELATED TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the committee:

The Chamber is in support of HB 539 which proposes to appropriate funds for staffing, commissioner inter-island travel, and other related operating expenses associated with the small business regulatory review board under the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

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.

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board plays a vital function in reviewing various agencies rules and regulations, providing 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS  
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 309  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019 AT 10:10 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 HB 539 APPROPRIATING FUNDS 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. I am writing share our support of HB 539.

We feel that the Small Business Regulatory Review Board is extremely important to protect small businesses in our state and needs adequate funding. They have a large number of significant duties to conduct such as reviewing new rules and regulations from new legislation and state agencies as well as working with small businesses. It is essential they have the appropriate funding to complete these duties.

In addition to adequate funding, we would like to see the Small Business Regulatory Review Board given more authority to have more teeth. With more teeth, they would be able to ensure that when they give comments back to a state agency or department, they must follow their suggestions.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony and we hope you will move this bill forward.

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.