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Statement of  
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before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

Friday, April 8, 2022  
3:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

In consideration of Tessa Gomes  
**GM 862 & GM 863**

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL  
BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
TESSA GOMES, FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE 6-30-2022 AND 6-30-2026.**

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the gubernatorial nomination of Ms. Tessa Gomes to serve as a new member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Ms. Gomes is a resident of Oahu, is a graduate of Punahou School, and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Kapiolani Community College. She has been the owner of Fred and Kate Events, a wedding planning company, for the past ten years. Prior to this, Ms. Gomes managed several large-sized companies including Gourmet Events Hawaii, an events planning company.

Based on Ms. Gomes' strong managerial experience, we believe she will be a valuable asset to the SBRRB.

DBEDT thanks you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Gomes' nomination.

## MEMORANDUM

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

**FROM:** Robert Cundiff

**DATE:** April 8, 2022 at 3:00 PM

**SUBJECT:** Governor's Message 862 & 863 – Tessa Gomes – Support

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I am personally providing testimony in support of the nomination of Ms. Tessa Gomes to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

For the past ten years, Ms. Gomes has been the owner of Fred and Kate Events, a Honolulu-based wedding planning company. Prior to this, she managed large-size companies such as a Canadian airline, the largest hotel on Oahu, and an events company, Gourmet Events Hawaii.

Ms. Gomes attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Kapiolani Community College where she majored in culinary arts, and is a graduate of Punahou School.

While Ms. Gomes is new to the SBRRB, there is no doubt that her resume' characterizes an individual with strong managerial experience and determined and creative ingenuity. These are attributes that will clearly assist in reviewing administrative rules impacting small businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me as an individual to testify in support of Ms. Gomes' nomination to the SBRRB.