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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

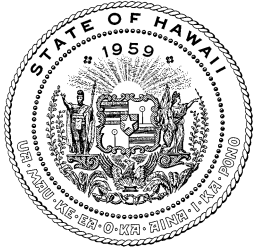
Thursday, February 8, 2024
1:01 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
Senate Bill 3043
RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD.

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports Senate Bill 3043. This measure clarifies the intent of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board's (SBRRB's) powers so that in addition to considering any request from small business owners for review of any rule, proposed, amended, or adopted by a state agency, the SBRRB has the authority to review legislation affecting small businesses in response to requests from small business owners.

It is important that the SBRRB's purview is clearly understood by the small business community, state and county agencies, Hawaii business chambers, and trade organizations. The changes are expected to clarify the Board's powers to avoid any misinterpretations.

Thank you for allowing DBEDT the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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TESTIMONY

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

FROM: Mary Albitz, Chair, Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) *Mary Albitz*

DATE: February 8, 2024 – Room 229 at 1:01 p.m.

SUBJECT: Support – Senate Bill 3043 – Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board

On behalf of the SBRRB, I submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 3043, Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board.

Specifically, Senate Bill 3043 clarifies that, in addition to reviewing any proposed new or amended rule, the SBRRB has the authority to review legislation affecting small businesses.

I am proud of the success and accomplishments this hardworking group of gratis members has had over the past 25+ years. This measure will ensure the stability of the SBRRB by clarifying its legislative powers under the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Thank you for hearing our comments and the SBRRB's support of Senate Bill 3043.