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### TESTIMONY

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

**FROM:** Jonathan Shick, Chairperson *Jonathan Shick*  
Small Business Regulatory Review Board

**DATE:** February 27, 2025 1t 1:00 PM – Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

**SUBJECT: Governor's Message 513 – James Lee – Strong Support**

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On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mr. James (Kimo) Lee to continue to serve as a member of the SBRRB.

Mr. Lee was highly recommended to be a member of this Board by current board member, Garth Yamanaka. He resides in Hilo, Hawaii, and has been active in various community organizations and boards for the past several years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, holds a Hawaii State real estate license and currently works as the director of development at W.H. Shipman, Limited.

As the SBRRB Chair, I am pleased to take this opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Lee's nomination to the SBRRB, as a representative of the Island of Hawaii.



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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

Thursday, February 27, 2025  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of  
**GM 513**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL  
BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
JAMES LEE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2028.**

Chair DeCoite, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. James (Kimo) Lee to continue to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Mr. Lee has been an SBRRB member since 2019, resides on the island of Hawai'i and is the Director of Development at W.H. Shipman, Ltd. in Kea'au. He is a member of the Hawai'i Leeward Planning Conference and Hawai'i County Fire Commission and a board member of Catholic Church Land Asset Management. Mr. Lee is also a past member/board member of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry Hawai'i, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, State Historic Preservation, and Historic Hawai'i Foundation.

Due to Mr. Lee's strong business acumen and valued contributions to the SBRRB, DBEDT has great confidence that he will continue to be an asset to the SBRRB's ongoing commitment to Hawai'i's small business community.