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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 at 1:00 PM in Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

SUBJECT: **Governor's Message 617 – Nikki Ige – Strong Support**

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am delighted to provide testimony in strong support of Ms. Nikki Ige's nomination to serve as a new member of the SBRRB.

Ms. Ige resides on the Island of Kauai and was highly recommended by past board member and Kauai business owner, Mr. William Lydgate. Ms. Ige currently serves as the Community Impact Director at the Kauai Federal Credit Union. She holds a bachelor's degree in science information systems from Brigham Young University – Provo, and is a board member of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce while serving as an executive committee member and agriculture committee chair.

In addition, Ms. Ige is the Treasurer of Kauai Pop Warner Football League where she manages financial operations for youth football that serves over 400 children.

We are confident that the SBRRB will continue to benefit from Ms. Ige's vast experience in the agricultural sector as well as Kauai's small business community.

We thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Ms. Ige's nomination to this Board.



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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 617**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL  
BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
NIKKI IGE, 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 Ms. Nikki Ige to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Ms. Ige resides on the Island of Kauai and was specifically recommended by the SBRRB's past member, Mr. William Lydgate, due to Ms. Ige's strong advocacy for Kauai businesses. She serves as a board member on the Kauai Chamber of Commerce and chairs its Agriculture Committee. Ms. Ige graduated from Brigham Young University – Provo with a bachelor's degree in science information systems. Currently, she is the executive director of Grove Farm Company Foundation, Inc., in Lihue, and prior to this, she worked as a project manager for Grove Farm Company, Inc.

DBEDT appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Ige's nomination for the SBRRB's Kauai County seat.