

GM 269

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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008, 2:45 P.M.  
ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 269  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LEE DOUGLAS MACCLUER, FOR A  
TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2012

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the consideration and re-confirmation of Mr. Lee Douglas MacCluer to the Board of Agriculture (BOA).

Mr. MacCluer has served on the BOA since 2004. He attends meetings regularly and always comes prepared. Having a strong and varied background in agriculture, his questions are relevant and bring light to the matters before the Board. He is a valued member of the BOA.

Mr. MacCluer has a Bachelor of Science in General Agriculture from Fresno State. After thirty-nine years of service, Mr. MacCluer retired from the Maui Pineapple Company as the Plantations Manager and V.P. Ag Development. Mr. MacCluer also provided consulting services in Africa and South East Asia to help pineapple farmers with their crops.

Mr. MacCluer managed a diversified family farm on Maui for over forty years (raising cattle, hogs and poultry). He also managed a nursery business, Christmas tree

farm and various orchard crops. Mr. MacCluer continues to incubate, brood and raise pheasants for release on Haleakala, raise avocados and does custom grafting of fruit trees.

Mr. MacCluer has served on several committees including the County of Maui's Agricultural Advisory Committee, Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District, Commodity Advisory Group, Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Association, Maui County Farm Bureau, Maui Invasive Species Team, Maui Upcountry Water Committee, and the Ulupalakua Agricultural Foundation. Mr. MacCluer received the Good Year Conservation Award and the Nature Conservancy President's Award.

Mr. MacCluer has vast experience and extensive knowledge in farming and agriculture in Hawaii. He has been an invaluable asset on the BOA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for Mr. Lee Douglas MacCluer's re-confirmation to the Board of Agriculture.



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TESTIMONY ON  
GM 269  
LEE DOUGLAS MACCLUER

Chair Tokuda and committee members:

My name is Alan Takemoto, Executive Director, of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest non-profit general agriculture organization representing approximately 1,600 farm and ranch family members statewide.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF) supports GM 269 confirming Lee Douglas Maccluer as a member of the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. MacCluer has been very active in being involved in the pineapple association, tropical fruit association, and Hawaii's agricultural industry overall. His expertise, knowledge, and global perspective will serve the Board of Agriculture well. Mr. MacClure has also taken a leadership role in the development of our Commodity Advisory Committee which has given the commodity organizations the opportunity to network and communicate across the board issues. We have every confidence that Mr. MacCluer will be an excellent candidate for this position and will be fair and balanced in all of the issues that come before the Board of Agriculture.

We strongly support Mr. MacCluer's confirmation as a Board of Agriculture member.

Thank you.



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### **TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**GM 269**

### **CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE of LEE DOUGLAS MACCLUER**

**April 1, 2008**

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am President and Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center, our research and support staff, and our members and clients.

**HARC strongly supports the Consideration and Confirmation of LEE DOUGLAS MACCLUER to the Board of Agriculture (GM 269).**

I have had the pleasure of working with Doug for many years on the ad hoc agricultural association group, Commodity Advisory Group. This group, a network of state associations under the umbrella of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, participated in policy areas of common interest to all of agriculture. Doug continued to provide his leadership and experience as a member of the Board of Agriculture to which I highly urge his re-appointment. He is well informed about existing and emerging agricultural activities in the state and its competition around the world and maintains this knowledge through a successful agricultural consulting service.

Doug has established his willingness to work collectively and collaboratively through his many years of active participation in the Maui Farm Bureau, the Maui Soil and Water district, the Commodity Advisory Group, the Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Association and community agricultural events. Doug has a tremendous breadth of experience, locally, nationally and internationally through his long and successful career in the pineapple industry.

HARC strongly urges you to confirm Lee Douglas MacCluer as a member of the Board of Agriculture. His experience will be an asset to this body and its mission to preserve and use agricultural resources so as to assure a healthy and adequate food supply for Hawaii's people.



## **Maui County Farm Bureau**

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TESTIMONY ON  
GM 269  
LEE DOUGLAS MACCLUER

Chair Tokuda and committee members:

My name is Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau, a non-profit general agriculture organization and an affiliate of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

MCFB strongly supports GM 269, nominating Mr. Doug MacCluer to the Board of Agriculture. Mr. MacCluer has a very strong background in agriculture – ranging from field experience to working with the Soil and Water Conservation Districts for many years. His broad range of experience will be invaluable in matters that come before the Board.

We respectfully request your approval for the appointment of Mr. MacCluer to the Board of Agriculture.



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**CONFIRMATION OF LEE DOUGLAS MACCLUER  
FOR  
THE HAWAII BOARD OF AGRICULTURE  
APRIL 2008**

Dear Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

**STRONG SUPPORT.**

My name is Loren Mochida, General Manager for Tropical Hawaiian Products (THP) in Keaau, Hawaii. THP is a processor and exporter of Hawaiian Premium papayas to CONUS and Japan.

I am in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Lee Douglas MacCluer for the Board of Agriculture. Along with his strong leadership skills, his organizational development has been exceptionally outstanding.

I have served with Mr. MacCluer on the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts for many years. Mr. MacCluer is an active Board Member and given copious support to the agriculture industry. He has also served as the Chairman of his District Board on Maui and has demonstrated leadership ability. His performance to relate and work with various groups was outstanding.

Mr. MacCluer's diversified experience in the agriculture industry for over 40 years has rounded his career from production to sales and to marketing technologies. Mr. MacCluer's outstanding efforts and support in the agriculture industry is highly recognized. It is with confidence that Mr. MacCluer will be a dedicated agriculture person on the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide support for the confirmation of Mr. Lee Douglas MacCluer as a member of the Board of Agriculture.

Personal Testimony Presented before the  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
April 1, 2008  
2:45 p.m.  
by  
Dr. Andrew G. Hashimoto

**GM 269, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, LEE DOUGLAS MACCLUER, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Hashimoto. I serve as the Dean of UH Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) and an ex-officio member of the Board of Agriculture. I am pleased to provide this personal testimony on GM 269. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i or of CTAHR.

I support the confirmation of Doug MacCluer to another term on the Board of Agriculture.

During more than 25 years with Maui Pineapple Company, Ltd., Doug devoted his career to growing one of Hawaii's key crops. Through his involvement with the Pineapple Growers Association and the Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers, he has helped shape the industry in its shift toward high-value fresh fruit and value-added products. He has been very active in the Commodity Advisory Group and the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. He recognizes the importance of land stewardship and has received awards as a conservationist and as a successful exporter. The Board of Agriculture has benefited from his dedication and constructive input. I strongly encourage you to confirm him.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 268  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT V. OSGOOD,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the consideration and re-confirmation of Dr. Robert V. Osgood to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

I have known Dr. Osgood for over 12 years. He has a wealth of information on many aspects of agriculture and extensive personal experience in the field. His ability to translate that knowledge into new agricultural situations and ventures is a great value.

Dr. Osgood has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Miami and a doctoral degree in Horticulture from the University of Hawaii. Dr. Osgood retired in 2003 as the Vice President/Assistant Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (formerly the Hawaii Sugar Planters' Association).

Dr. Osgood has extensive experience in agronomy, horticulture, entomology, field engineering and weed science. He has managed several agricultural research

projects including a field weed research program involving herbicide screening, drift control studies, herbicide phytotoxicity studies, herbicide residue tests and screening sugarcane varieties for tolerance to herbicides, sugarcane ripener research, sugarcane seed studies, and diversified crops research. Dr. Osgood has worked with various crops including sugarcane, pineapple, coffee, cacao, alfalfa, sweet corn, field corn, sunflower, taro, guar, sunn hemp, pearl millet, potato, sorghum, biomass energy crops, tree crops, vegetable crops and seed crops.

Dr. Osgood's professional affiliations include the Horticulture Department, University of Hawaii, Hawaiian Sugar Technologists, International Society for Sugarcane Technologists, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hawaii Forest Industry Association, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, Hawaii Coffee Growers' Association and the Plant Growth Regulator Society of America.

Dr. Osgood has extensive knowledge in agricultural issues and is a valued asset to the ADC. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for Dr. Robert V. Osgood's re-confirmation to the Board of Directors of the ADC.



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GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT V. OSGOOD,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2012**

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is in strong support of the re-confirmation of Dr. Robert Osgood to the ADC Board of Directors.

Dr. Osgood is a retired executive vice-president of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (formerly Hawaii Sugar Planters Association) and has served on the ADC Board since July 2005. As a research scientist and agronomist, he is ADC's de-facto technical advisor on many of our projects. In addition to crops and production techniques, Dr. Osgood is very familiar with the lands and irrigation systems in many of our project areas and potential project areas statewide.

Dr. Osgood continues to be active doing consulting work with the NRCS, USAID, and other organizations. He has traveled around the world and is very knowledgeable on the agricultural practices, economics, and geopolitical environments of many countries. He is well known in the agricultural community. ADC is fortunate to have a person of his caliber on our board.



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TESTIMONY ON GM 268  
ROBERT V. OSGOOD

Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

My name is Alan Takemoto, Executive Director, of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest non-profit general agriculture organization representing approximately 1,600 farm and ranch family members statewide.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF) strongly supports the nomination of Robert V. Osgood, PhD. to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). Dr. Osgood's knowledge and background working in Hawaii's diverse agricultural industry would be an asset to the State of Hawaii if appointed to the ADC's Board of Directors. His years of experience and understanding of worldwide agricultural practices would be invaluable to ADC and its' mission to provide leadership and advocacy for the conversion of agribusiness into a dynamic growth industry through the use of financial and other tools enabled by the founding legislation for the pursuit of specific projects to achieve the legislative objectives.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is pleased to support the nomination of Robert V. Osgood, PhD. to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. We hope that you will give Dr. Osgood's nomination to this position serious consideration.



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### **CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION of ROBERT V. OSGOOD**

**April 1, 2008**

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am President and Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center, our research and support staff, and our members and clients.

**HARC strongly supports the Consideration and Confirmation of Robert V. Osgood to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (GM 268).**

I have had the pleasure of working closely with Bob for over 30 years. He has had extensive field working experience throughout all the major islands of Hawaii. He is very familiar with crop production of various crops on various soils, using various water sources, and in multiple climatic zones. His extensive local and site specific knowledge and experience will be most helpful to the mission of the ADC. In addition, he has worked in and/or visited various crop production sites around the world evaluating their potential for Hawaii.

Bob's crop experience includes sugarcane, pineapple, coffee, cacao, alfalfa, sweet corn, field corn, sunflower, taro, guar; sunn hemp, pearl millet, potato, sorghum, biomass energy crops, tree crops, vegetable crops, and seed crops. His production expertise includes field weed research programs including herbicide screening, drift control studies, herbicide phytotoxicity studies, herbicide residue tests, and screening sugarcane varieties for tolerance to herbicides, sugarcane and coffee ripener research, sugarcane seed studies, and various studies involving diversified crops.

HARC strongly urges you to confirm Robert V. Osgood as a Director of the Board of Agribusiness Development Corporation. His experience will be an asset to this body and its mission to facilitate the transition of agriculture from a large crop driven economy to a more diverse and small scale multi-crop industry supplying Hawaii's citizens with fresh produce and its economy with a diversity of export products.



## **Maui County Farm Bureau**

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MCFB strongly supports the nomination of Dr. Robert Osgood to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Dr. Osgood has an extensive background in a wide range of agricultural crops grown in Hawaii. He has also traveled around the world gaining a greater understanding of agricultural practices. This strong and extensive agricultural background provides him with a valuable basis for providing insight into matters before the Committee.

We respectfully request your support in appointing Dr. Osgood to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Thank you for this opportunity to provide this opinion.



**Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hearing Tuesday, April 1, 2008 2:45 pm Conference Room 224  
GM 268 - Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the  
Agribusiness Development Corporation  
Robert V. Osgood**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair English, Committee members, thank you in advance for allowing me to present testimony to you in **support of Robert Osgood's Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.**

Hawaii Forest Industry Association (HFIA) is a non-profit Hawaii organization, incorporated in 1989, which promotes a balance of forest land uses and sound management practices for all of Hawaii's forests. Our industry generates over \$35 million in business for the State, through the products and services of our approximately 200 member companies and individuals. We have worked closely with HDOA, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) in the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) over the past 15 years to promote, foster and develop industry standards, initiate forestry research and development, and promote quality control and industry integrity in the State of Hawaii as a means of diversifying our economy and protecting our environment.

Robert Osgood has been a member of our organization for many years, and served on our board of directors. He is one of Hawaii's foremost scientists with a wealth of knowledge, experience and involvement in agricultural endeavors and the many crops that have given Hawaii its agricultural base.

HFIA appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of Robert Osgood** to you today.

Hawaii Forest Industry Association  
Michael E. Robinson, President



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I support the confirmation of Dr. Robert Osgood to the ADC's Board of Directors.

Bob Osgood earned master's and doctoral degrees from CTAHR in Horticulture and subsequently served as an affiliate faculty member. In his work for the Hawaii Sugar Planter's Association/Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, he amassed extensive research and administrative experience. He has been involved with many professional associations, including the Hawaii Forestry Industry Association, the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and the Hawaii Coffee Growers' Association. His technical expertise has enriched the ADC board during his current term, and will continue to do so in the future. I strongly encourage you to confirm him.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM 267

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GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT EARL COOPER,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the consideration and re-confirmation of Mr. Robert Earl Cooper to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

Mr. Cooper has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Washington State University. He is a retired CEO from W.H. Shipman, Limited where he managed 17,000 acres of land in the Puna district of Hawaii Island, which included leasing land to farmers, industrial and commercial development and fiscal management. Mr. Cooper was the Senior Vice President of Development for the Blackfield Hawaii Corporation where he oversaw the development of real property from acquisition to sale and developed high rise condominiums, high rise office buildings and shopping centers.

Mr. Cooper's professional affiliations include President of Junior Achievement for Hawaii Island, Chair of the Peanut Butter Ministry of the Methodist Church in Hilo (feed homeless people twice a week), former President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce and Instructor at the University of Hawaii Hilo teaching Real Estate Finance and Development. He is presently a board member of the Board of the Arc of Hilo and

the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Mr. Cooper is an avid outrigger canoe paddler and is the President of the Lanikai and Kamehameha (Hilo) Canoe Clubs and Vice President of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association.

Mr. Cooper has expertise in real estate acquisition, lease negotiation, industrial and commercial development and fiscal management. He is highly regarded in the community and has been an invaluable asset to the ADC Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for Mr. Robert Earl Cooper's re-confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.



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Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is in strong support of the re-confirmation of Mr. Robert Cooper to the ADC Board of Directors.

Mr. Cooper has served on the ADC Board since July 2005. His background as former President and CEO of W.H. Shipman Ltd. brings extensive real estate experience to ADC. He is familiar with agricultural lands and farming operations. He sits on ADC's Kekaha Committee and has actively negotiated with the farmers and the cooperative on agreements and land licenses.

Besides serving on the ADC Board, Mr. Cooper keeps himself active with a soup kitchen in Hilo and serves on various county and non-profit boards. For over a year, he was the interim executive director of the Bay Clinic. In his spare time he paddles with a canoe club and rides a motorcycle. He is well known and respected on the Big Island. ADC has been fortunate to have Mr. Cooper on our board.

GM 290



*KŪKULU KE EA A KANALOA*

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### **TESTIMONY OF**

**MICHAEL NAHO'OPI'I, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**OF THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION**

On GM 290, For Consideration and Confirmation of Charles P.M.K. Burrows, Ed.D. as  
Gubernatorial Nominee to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Before the  
SENATE AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, April 1, 2008, 2:45pm. Room 224

Aloha Chairperson Tokuda, Vice-Chairperson English, and members of the Committee. Governor's Message No. 290 nominates Dr. Charles P.M.K. Burrows, Ed.D to serve on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) in the seat reserved for a representative of Native Hawaiian Organizations. On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express our strong support for Dr. Burrows and recommend his confirmation to a second term with the KIRC.

Dr. Burrows is a former science teacher who retired from over 30 years of dedication and service with the Kamehameha Schools. Throughout his tenure, he has educated hundreds of Hawaiian children about the importance of protecting Hawai'i's natural resources. Through his teaching, he lead the first access of Kamehameha students to Kaho'olawe in 1980 and was instrumental in making such trips a part of the curriculum.

Since his retirement, Dr. Burrows has maintained his involvement not only in ecological and natural resource issues, but on native Hawaiian issues as well. He is an active member of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and is the president of 'Ahahui Malama i ka Lokahi, a native Hawaiian organization committed to environmental protection and natural resource preservation within a cultural context.

Dr. Burrows' unique experience and knowledge on educational, cultural, and natural resource issues have greatly benefited the KIRC in its deliberations and policy making over the past few critical years of the KIRC. Now, as the Commission enters a new era, such skills will be of even greater importance. Dr. Burrows served Kaho'olawe well in his past term and the Commission has every confidence that his commitment and efforts will continue through a second term.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

## testimony

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**From:** Ken Conklin [ken\_conklin@yahoo.com]  
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TO:  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

RE:  
Confirmation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHARLES P. M. K. BURROWS

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Conference Room 224

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Aloha Chair Tokuda, members of the committee, and members of the public,

I am writing to support the nomination of Dr. Chuck Burrows to serve on the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

As you may know, I do NOT support the concept of KIRC as a racially exclusionary government agency, and I do NOT support the concept that the Island of Kaho'olawe is designated to be transferred to a sovereign race-based governing entity when (if ever) Congress and the State of Hawaii recognize that entity.

However, within that unpleasant context, I can think of no finer person than Dr. Burrows to serve on KIRC.

Dr. Burrows loves the 'aina. He has been working very hard for many years to restore Kawai Nui marsh. He has shown great administrative skill in organizing and inspiring large numbers of volunteers over long periods of time, to do physical labor which can be difficult, exhausting, and even dangerous. His knowledge of the land, its history, and the culture, is very broad and deep. His energy is boundless. He leads by going out in front rather than giving commands from the rear. By walking in front on Kaho'olawe, it will be he who gets blown up by subsurface unexploded ordnance while I who follow behind will be spared.

Because of his love for the land, I am confident that Dr. Burrows will never allow a casino to be built on Kaho'olawe by the Akaka tribe. Because of his genuine respect and aloha for people of all races, I am confident that Dr. Burrows will welcome everyone who wants to help restore Kaho'olawe and its cultural heritage, which is a treasure for all the people of Hawaii.

As the 'olelo no'eau says: 'O ke kanaka pono, 'oia ko'u kanaka.

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GM 293

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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008  
2:45 P.M.  
ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 293  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DON R. GERBIG, FOR  
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the reappointment of Don Gerbig for the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. Gerbig has been an active participant on the committee for the past 4 years. He has attended all the meetings and contributed to discussions. He volunteers for projects and participates at all levels including a subcommittee on the development of retail signs and coordination of regulatory approaches with industry stakeholders he represents.

Mr. Gerbig serves in the position designated as the pesticide industry seat on the committee. He worked for Amfac in agricultural chemicals sales, sugarcane field operations and environmental affairs beginning in 1967 and continuing to 1997. He then resumed work in agricultural chemical sales at Brewer Environmental Industries, Kauai Branch until 2002. He was nominated to serve on the Advisory Committee by the Western Plant Health Association, Hawaii Chapter, which represents the pesticides industry in Hawaii. Mr. Gerbig's considerable management experience and knowledge of pesticides ranging from sales and use to environmental issues concerning pesticides makes him a valuable resource to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

His reappointment for an additional four years is strongly recommended.



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APRIL 1, 2008

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON GM 293  
DON R. GERBIG

Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

My name is Alan Takemoto, Executive Director, of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest non-profit general agriculture organization representing approximately 1,600 farm and ranch family members statewide.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF) strongly supports the nomination of Don R. Gerbig to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. Gerbig's agricultural background and experience in environmental stewardship issues would be an asset to the State of Hawaii if appointed to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is pleased to support the nomination of Don R. Gerbig to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. We hope that you will give Mr. Gerbig's nomination to this position serious consideration.



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### **TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**GM 293**

### **CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES**

**of  
DON R. GERBIG**

**April 1, 2008**

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am President and Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center, our research and support staff, and our members and clients.

**HARC strongly supports the Consideration and Confirmation of DON R. GERBIG to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides (GM 293).**

I have known Don Gerbig for over 20 years both in his professional capacity and on a personal level. I have great respect for Don's abilities to work through complex issues from different perspectives, and feel he will be a great asset to the Committee.

In all of Don's professional capacities throughout this time, as a sugarcane field production supervisor and an environmental and safety specialist, he has demonstrated his thoroughness and diligence in dealing with various subjects. Personally handling and supervising others in the safe and responsible use of pesticides was one of many tasks Don has had much experience in. Following that with the responsibility for corporate stewardship and regulatory compliance has given Don a tremendous breadth of experience to bring to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Few people have such a broad experience that ranges from a user, to from one setting corporate policy and stewardship.

HARC is extremely pleased that Don is willing to volunteer for this committee.

HARC strongly urges you to confirm DON GERBIG'S appointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.



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February 15, 2008

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
and Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda:

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Don R. Gerbig

I have known Don Gerbig for over 20 years both in his professional capacity and on a personal basis. He has been an extremely responsible person in his handling of company issues involving pesticides over the years.

As a sugarcane field production supervisor and an environmental and safety specialist, Don has demonstrated his thoroughness and diligence in dealing with various subjects. Don's a great educator when it comes to pesticide and industrial chemical issues involving handling, application, and disposal. Personally handling and supervising others in the safe and responsible use of pesticides was one of many tasks Don has had much experience in. Following that with the responsibility for corporate stewardship and regulatory compliance has given Don a tremendous breadth of experience to bring to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

I have great respect for Don's abilities to work through complex issues from different perspectives. Don's knowledge of pesticide products would be a real asset to the state Advisory Committee on Pesticides and I highly recommend him for a position on the Committee.

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Whalen  
President and Director,  
Experiment Station



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April 1, 2008

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON  
GM 293  
DON R. GERBIG

Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

My name is Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau, a non-profit general agriculture organization and an affiliate of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

MCFB strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Don Gerbig to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. Gerbig's strong agricultural background, coupled with his many years working with Environmental Stewardship matters provides him with a valuable basis for providing insight into matters before the Committee.

We respectfully request your support in appointing Mr. Gerbig to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Thank you for this opportunity to provide this opinion.

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
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**CONFIRMATION OF DON R. GERBIG  
FOR  
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES  
February 2008**

Dear Chairman Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

**STRONG SUPPORT.**

My name is Loren Mochida, General Manager for Tropical Hawaiian Products (THP) in Keaau, Hawaii. THP is a processor and exporter of Hawaiian Premium papayas to CONUS and Japan.

I am in strong support of the confirmation of Mr. Don R. Gerbig for the State Department of Agriculture, Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Along with his strong leadership skills, his organizational development has been exceptionally outstanding.

I have worked together with Mr. Gerbig in the sugar industry off and on for over fifteen years. He has been extremely responsible person in his handling of company issues involving pesticides over the years.

Mr. Gerbig has been a great educator when it comes to pesticide and industrial chemical issues involving handling, application, and disposal. His performance to relate and work with various groups was outstanding.

I feel that Mr. Gerbig, with his knowledge of pesticide products would be an asset to the State Advisory Committee on Pesticides and I highly recommend him for a position on the Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide support for the confirmation of Mr. Don Gerbig as a member of this committee.





February 19, 2008

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
and Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Don R. Gerbig

Dear Senator Tokuda:

Don Gerbig and I have worked together in the sugar industry off and on for over fifteen years. He has been an extremely responsible person in his handling of company issues involving pesticides.

Don has been a great educator when it comes to pesticide and industrial chemical issues involving handling, application and disposal. Were it not for him, we certainly would have made some serious mistakes in proper handling of these materials.

Over the years we worked closely together on many pesticide application issues, including implementation of safety training and record keeping.

I feel that Don, with his knowledge of pesticide products, would be a real asset to the State Advisory Committee on Pesticides and I highly recommend him for a position on the Committee.

Sincerely,

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Frederick H. Kubota  
President  
BEI Hawaii Distribution



Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc.

February 18, 2008

**Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96813**

**Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Don R. Gerbig**

I have known and worked with Don Gerbig in agriculture for many years. He has been extremely knowledgeable and a responsible person on agricultural and pesticide issues.

He has been very informative and helpful to all agricultural operations, especially when it comes to pesticide and industrial chemical issues involving handling, application and disposal.

I feel that Don Gerbig is a tremendous asset to the state Advisory Committee on Pesticides and I highly recommend him for reappointment on this important committee.

Sincerely,

Wesley M. Nohara  
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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
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State Capitol, Room 218  
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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Don R. Gerbig

Don Gerbig and I have worked together in the Hawaiian Sugar Industry (25years) and in the Construction industry, (5 years ) and in the Transportation Industry.(5 years) In the Sugar Industry, we worked on different Plantations with various Pesticide applications and results. Normally the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association would be involved with Pesticide trials and there evaluations.

While in the Construction Industry I utilized Dons knowledge to write procedures and policies that were lacking in our Company. These guide lines were to be conforming to City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii and Federal US Military Regulations relative to work sites and various Quality control requirements.

In Transportation, Interstate and Inter Island Cargo containers as well as loose freight and various Chemicals are regulated by different authority at different stages of transport. Don has been a ready resource for me to call upon.

Don is very knowledgeable on pesticide products and their ingredients and would make an excellent contributor to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides for the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture.

Very truly yours,

Thomas H. Hoxie  
Vice President & General Manager

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February 15, 2008

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
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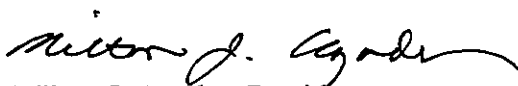
Senator Tokuda:

Subject: State Department of Agriculture  
Advisory Committee on Pesticides  
Letter of Recommendation for Don R. Gerbig

Don Gerbig and I worked in the sugar industry for many years. Most of those years were in management and field operations. Although we worked for different sugar companies we often attended the same meetings and served on the same committees.

Don has always been an extremely responsible person in the handling and application of pesticides. Pesticides and their application was a significant part of a sugar company's budget. Sugar companies were always faced with new issues regarding new chemicals, changes in chemical labels and most recent, the new federal worker protection laws. Don was always involved in these issues and provided guidance to others working in the sugar industry.

I feel that Don, with his knowledge of pesticide products, from following label requirements to safety issues regarding handling and applications, make him highly qualified to serve on this committee.



Milton J. Agader, President  
Twin Bridge Farms, Inc.

**Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair**  
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**State Capitol, Room 218**  
**Honolulu, HI 96813**

**Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Don R. Gerbig**

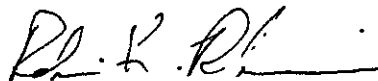
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Over the years we worked closely together on many pesticide application issues, including implementation of safety training and record keeping.

I feel that Don, with his knowledge of pesticide products would be a real asset to the state Advisory Committee on Pesticides and I highly recommend him for a position on the Committee.

Sincerely,

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Robin K. Robinson  
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GM 294

LINDA LINGLE  
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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008  
2:45 P.M.  
ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 294  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SEAN O'KEEFE, FOR  
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the reappointment of Sean O'Keefe for the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. O'Keefe has been an active participant on the committee for the past 4 years. He has attended all the meetings and is one of the discussion leaders. He volunteers for projects and participates at all levels including a subcommittee on the development of retail signs and also has experience in waste disposal issues which were an important discussion topic for the committee.

Mr. O'Keefe has served on the Advisory Committee under an interim appointment since July 1, 2004, representing the sugar industry. Mr. O'Keefe has worked extensively over the past fifteen years on compliance with environmental, safety and health laws and regulations, impacting agricultural operations in Hawaii. He is a member of the Hawaii Department of Health's Air Rules Advisory Committee and Water Quality Standards Advisory Committee. He is currently employed as the Director of Environmental Affairs at Alexander and Baldwin, Inc.

His reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides for an additional four years is strongly recommended.



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HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON GM 294  
DON R. GERBIG

Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

My name is Alan Takemoto, Executive Director, of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest non-profit general agriculture organization representing approximately 1,600 farm and ranch family members statewide.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF) strongly supports the nomination of Sean O'Keefe to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. O'Keefe's strong background in Environmental Sciences would be an asset to the State of Hawaii if appointed to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. O'Keefe's experience implementing environmental stewardship practices is both proven and highly respected.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is pleased to support the nomination of Sean O'Keefe to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. We hope that you will give Mr. O'Keefe's nomination to this position serious consideration.





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April 1, 2008

### HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON  
GM 294  
SEAN O'KEEFE

Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

My name is Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau, a non-profit general agriculture organization and an affiliate of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

MCFB strongly supports the nomination of Sean O'Keefe to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. O'Keefe has a very strong background in Environmental Sciences. His strong ethic in implementing practices which are safe and represent environmental stewardship is respected. His membership on the Pesticide Advisory Committee will bring value to the meetings and help in a good decision-making process.

We respectfully request your support in appointing Mr. O'Keefe to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Thank you for this opportunity to provide this opinion.



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### **TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**GM 294**

### **CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES**

**of  
SEAN O'KEEFE**

**April 1, 2008**

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am President and Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center, our research and support staff, and our members and clients.

**HARC strongly supports the Consideration and Confirmation of SEAN O'KEEFE to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides (GM 294), representing the sugar industry.**

I have known and worked with Sean since 1993 when he began as an Environmental Affairs Specialist and representative to the then Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association (HSPA) Environmental Standards Committee for Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company (HC&S).

In his work for HC&S, Kauai Coffee Company and other subsidiaries of Alexander & Baldwin, Sean has always demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the wide range of environmental regulations with which Hawaii's farmers must comply, and more importantly an ability to help them determine *how* to comply. His knack for deciphering often complex rules and applying them to real-world situations has served his company and the sugar industry well. By determining in advance how proposed regulations are likely to impact farming, the Department of Agriculture will be in a better position to ensure that its regulations are tailored to fit real world practicalities so that the objectives of these regulations can be met without unduly impeding the farmers' ability to farm. Sean has ability and motivation to assist the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and the Department in developing pesticide regulations that are both effective and workable.

I respectfully urge you to recommend that Mr. O'Keefe's appointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides be confirmed.



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March 4, 2008

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Senate Committee Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: Confirmation of Sean O'Keefe to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides**

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing to strongly support the confirmation of Sean O'Keefe to the State's Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Sean is currently serving on the Committee, and I believe he is the best candidate to represent the sugar industry.

I have known and worked with Sean since he started managing environmental affairs at Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company (HC&S) in 1993. During that time, Sean has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the wide range of environmental regulations with which Hawaii's farmers must comply, and more importantly an ability to help them determine *how* to comply. Through his present service on the Committee, Sean has shown the ability and motivation to assist the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and the Department of Agriculture in developing pesticide regulations that are both effective and workable.

I respectfully urge you to recommend that Mr. O'Keefe's reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides be confirmed.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Whalen  
President and Director,  
Experiment Station



## ALEXANDER &amp; BALDWIN, INC.

March 4, 2008

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Senate Committee Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Subject: Nomination of Sean O'Keefe to Serve on Advisory Committee on Pesticides**

Dear Senator Tokuda:

Thank you for considering my nomination to serve on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. I was happy to learn of my nomination for reappointment to the committee by the Governor, and I look forward to continuing to assist the Department of Agriculture in developing and revising its laws and regulations governing the use of pesticides.

As requested, I have enclosed a copy of my resume and am responding to the questions posed in your letter of February 12, 2008.

*Why do you wish to be a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?*

I have been involved in assisting in the development and revision of state environmental regulations on numerous occasions in the past, including my present service on the Pesticide Advisory Committee and past service on various Department of Health advisory committees. I find it both challenging and rewarding to work together with other stakeholders, each with their own varying interests and viewpoints, towards a common objective. I would like to continue to apply this experience in helping the Department of Agriculture to ensure the safe and lawful use of pesticides in Hawaii.

*How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of an Advisory Committee on Pesticides member?*

The role of each member is to advise and assist the Department of Agriculture in developing and revising its laws and regulations relating to pesticides, and to further advise the Department regarding pesticide issues in general. Because the Committee is made up of representatives of various stakeholder groups (including pesticide users, research organizations, and environmental and citizen's groups), I believe that each member has a responsibility to ensure that the concerns of the group they represent are considered by the Committee when determining how best to advise the Department. A clear understanding of the operations they are seeking to regulate can greatly assist any regulatory agency in developing rules that are workable in the real world while at the same time meeting their objectives. As a representative of the sugar industry, and of agriculture in general, my role is to ensure that the Department understands what will be required of farmers to comply with a proposed regulation and to assist in identifying ways to make compliance practicable. At the same time, all Committee members have an overarching responsibility to help ensure that pesticide laws and regulations are protective of human health and the environment.

*Given your understanding of the responsibilities of an Advisory Committee on Pesticides member, why do you believe you are qualified for the position, including your skills, expertise, or knowledge which would aid in decision making?*

During my current term, the Committee assisted the Department of Agriculture in finalizing the first major revision to the state's pesticide regulations in over 20 years. I believe I and all Committee members gained valuable experience with this major revision that will help to facilitate future updates to the rules. Having sometimes observed the consequences of development of regulations without meaningful input from affected stakeholders, I understand the importance of carefully evaluating the potential impact of a regulation before it is enacted, and of crafting regulations so as to minimize unacceptable, unintended impacts. I have worked in the sugar industry for over a decade, and have a good understanding of our farming operations, and of how these operations can be affected by changes in the regulations. Much of my experience in the environmental compliance arena has been in reading and interpreting regulations, determining how they apply to our operations, and devising policies and procedures to comply with the regulations. By bringing this experience to the rulemaking process, I believe I can continue to assist the Department of Agriculture in developing regulations that meet the objective of protecting human health and the environment while still allowing farmers to practicably utilize the tools they need to farm.

*What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?*

In the near term, I and other members of the Committee expect to assist the Department in implementing 2007 legislation (Act 174) requiring the posting of warning signs at pesticide retailers, and in initiating a program to assist farmers and others in properly disposing of old, outdated pesticides. I also hope to assist the Department in refining its review process for new and safer pesticide chemistries, particularly with regard to ensuring the protection of groundwater resources. Overall, I hope that my participation on the Committee will assist the Department in ensuring that future laws and regulations are informed by real world practicalities while at the same time meeting the Department's regulatory objectives. Sound, well thought out regulations are essential to the continued viability of farming in Hawaii and should be a goal of the Committee and the Department.

*Name three qualities that best describe you and that would distinguish you for consideration. How would these qualities benefit the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?*

I think my experience in the field of environmental regulation is perhaps the quality that most distinguishes me for consideration because it gives me an understanding of the importance of formulating regulations that are workable and that meet the desired objective, as well as insight into how best to accomplish this. My science background, particularly in chemistry, is another quality that enhances my ability to understand pesticide issues, especially with regard to potential impacts on human health and the environment. My experience in the sugar industry of course helps me to appreciate the real-world impacts of regulation. I also bring to the Committee an ability to think through complex issues, and to develop and evaluate a number of alternatives for reaching a desired objective. I believe that all of these qualities are ideally suited to my role on the Committee.

*Name one previous experience that would distinguish you for consideration. How did this benefit the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?*

While I believe I was well qualified to serve on the Committee when I was first appointed in 2004, I feel that my present service on the Committee may be the one experience that would most distinguish me for consideration. Pesticide issues in general, and the development of regulations in particular, can be very complex, often involving a steep learning curve. I feel that my contributions during the current term have assisted the Committee in accomplishing its objectives, and that the continuity and experience I can bring would help the Committee to continue to operate most efficiently and effectively in the future.

*Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise as you serve in this capacity?*

No, I cannot. As noted above, I understand that my role on the Committee carries with it responsibilities as an advocate for agriculture along with a responsibility shared by all members to ensure that the Department of Agriculture is well advised on all issues relating to pesticides. I have received training from the Office of Information Practices on Hawaii's Sunshine Law, recognize its importance in preventing possible conflicts, and understand and follow its requirements.

Thank you for considering my nomination to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. I look forward to my confirmation hearing and to answering any questions your Committee may have at that time.

Sincerely,



Sean M. O'Keefe  
Director, Environmental Affairs  
Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.



**Frank E. Kiger**  
Plantation General Manager

March 4, 2008

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: Nomination of Sean M. O'Keefe to Serve on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides**

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing to support the nomination of Sean M. O'Keefe to serve on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Sean has served on the Committee since 2004 and has ably represented the sugar industry during that time.

As a result of his fourteen years of service at Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company (HC&S), Sean has an excellent understanding of farming operations and practices both at HC&S and our sister company, Kauai Coffee Company. His position as Director of Environmental Affairs for HC&S' parent company, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. (A&B), also requires him to have an in-depth knowledge of a wide range of environmental regulations, including those related to pesticide use. This combination of operational and regulatory knowledge makes him an ideal candidate to advise the Department of Agriculture on issues relating to pesticide regulations and their potential impact on the farming community.

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Sincerely,

Frank E. Kiger  
Plantation General Manager

# GAY & ROBINSON, INC.

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March 4, 2008

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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Mr. O'Keefe has my sincere support, and I urge you to recommend that his reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides be confirmed.

Very Truly Yours,



E. Alan Kennett  
President and General Manager  
Gay & Robinson, Inc.





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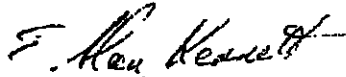
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Plantation General Manager

GM 535

LINDA LINGLE  
Governor



State of Hawaii  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008  
2:45 PM

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 535  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DARREN J. STRAND,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the nomination of Darren Strand for the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. Strand has been nominated by the pineapple industry. From 2002 to 2006, Mr. Strand worked as the field maintenance superintendent at Del Monte Fresh Produce, Hawaii, supervising all chemical applications. He is currently the director of farm operations for Maui Pineapple Company. He is a director of the Maui County Farm Bureau. He also holds a pesticide applicator certification for private applicators.

As director of farm operations, Mr. Strand has overall responsibility for pesticide use at Maui Pineapple Company. He holds a private applicator certificate to apply restricted use pesticides and also holds subcategory certificates for agricultural fumigation and chemigation. He has direct experience dealing with applicator certification issues and some of the issues with implementing rule changes that require special knowledge when using agricultural fumigants and applying pesticides through irrigation systems. His appointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides is strongly recommended.



**Hawaii Farm Bureau**  
F E D E R A T I O N

2343 Rose Street, Honolulu, HI 96819  
PH: (808)848-2074; Fax: (808) 848-1921

APRIL 1, 2008

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON GM 535  
DARREN J. STRAND

Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

My name is Alan Takemoto, Executive Director, of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, which is the largest non-profit general agriculture organization representing approximately 1,600 farm and ranch family members statewide.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF) strongly supports the nomination of Darren J. Strand to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. Strand's extensive background and understanding of Hawaii agriculture would be an asset to the State of Hawaii if appointed to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. Strand's first hand experience and familiarity with local farming practices will help him provide valuable input to the efforts of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation is pleased to support the nomination of Darren J. Strand to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. We hope that you will give Mr. Strand's nomination to this position serious consideration.



## **Maui County Farm Bureau**

*An Affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation  
Serving Maui's Farmers and Ranchers*

April 1, 2008

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TESTIMONY ON  
GM 535  
Darren J. Strand

Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

My name is Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau, a non-profit general agriculture organization and an affiliate of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

MCFB strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Darren Strand to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mr. Darren Strand comes from a strong agricultural background. His knowledge and first hand experience in "working in the fields" implementing pesticide practices will provide valuable input through the decision-making processes during the Committee meetings.

We respectfully request your support in appointing Mr. Strand to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Thank you for this opportunity to provide this opinion.



**Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc.**

February 22, 2008

**Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96813**

**Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Darren Strand**

Darren Strand is the Director of Farm Operations for Maui Pineapple company Ltd. He is responsible for the crop establishment and maintenance for nearly 4,000 acres of pineapple. He is very knowledgeable experienced in agricultural applications and pesticide use. In his capacity he has dealt with Ag chemical producers, suppliers, growers, community members and environmental special interest groups.

Mr. Strand is a well balance and level headed thinker /problem solver. If selected, Darren Strand will do well to serve on the state Advisory Committee on Pesticides and I highly recommend him for this important committee.

Sincerely,

Wesley M. Nohara  
General Manager  
Kapalua Farms, ML&P Inc.



March 25, 2008

Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 318  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda,

My name is Calvin H. Oda, Senior Vice President for Product Development, Maui Pineapple Company, Ltd. As a four term member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, I highly recommend that Mr. Darren Strand be appointed to the Committee as the Pineapple Industry representative.

Over the years, the Pineapple Industry has been recognized as one of the leaders in Hawaiian Agriculture. Darren represents the next generation of farm managers who will help to preserve and protect important agricultural lands in the State of Hawaii.

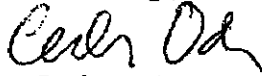
Darren's experience in managing land preparation, irrigation, and field maintenance activities at Maui Pineapple Company provides him with invaluable first hand knowledge. Areas of Darren's work activities that will allow him in being an active contributing member of the Committee includes:

- Registration and re-registration of pesticide active ingredients in pineapples;
- Routine contact with EPA, Hawaii Department of Agriculture, basic registrants and pesticide distributors in the State of Hawaii;
- Implementation of pesticide regulations, agricultural worker protection, protection of the environment, and risk mitigation including mitigation of potential residential and school exposure; and
- Membership in non-profit industry organizations such as the Maui Farm Bureau and Central Maui Soil Conservation Service.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 870-1788 or e-mail at

coda@mpmaui.com. Thank you for your support of Darren's nomination to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Sincerely,



Calvin Oda

Senior Vice President, Product Development  
Maui Pineapple Company, Ltd.

GM 291

LINDA LINGLE  
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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008; 2:45 P.M.  
ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 291  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES A. BOSWELL,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 291 nominating James A. Boswell to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. The department strongly supports his nomination.

Mr. Boswell is a graduate of Molokai High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University - Provo. Mr. Boswell currently serves as vice president of the Molokai-Lanai Soil & Water Conservation District and has been a member of the district board for the past eight years. He is an assistant professor at Maui Community College and for the past 21 years has taught classes that have included horticulture, soils technology, farm and tractor operation, greenhouse and nursery management, general botany, Hawaiian ethno botany, plant disease, irrigation principles and design, and agricultural

business management. He is a homestead farmer and has been a member of the Hoolehua Homesteaders Association since 1984 and has assisted the organization with various community projects and events. His expertise and experience in agriculture and strong desire to serve his community will continue to be an asset to the board in his second consecutive term.

Mr. Boswell has been an active Board member attending meetings regularly and engaging in the important matters coming before the Board. We respectfully request the support of this committee for Mr. Boswell's nomination.

# Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board

Adolph Helm, Chairman  
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Hoolehua, Hi 96729  
Phone: 808 - 567-6580

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TESTIMONY OF ADOLPH HELM  
CHAIRPERSON, MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS  
ADVISORY BOARD BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

APRIL 1, 2008, 2:45 P.M.

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Adolph Helm. I am a Molokai resident and Chairman of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 291 nominating James A. Boswell to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. I strongly support his nomination.

Mr. Boswell is a Hawaiian Homesteader and currently serves as vice president of the Moloka'i-Lanai Soil & Water Conservation District and has been a member of the district board for the past eight years. He currently teaches agriculture courses at Maui Community College. James contribution in his four years of service has been invaluable. His knowledge and experience in agriculture and strong desire to serve his community will be an asset to the board in his second consecutive term.



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March 25, 2008

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda  
State Capitol, Room 218  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Letter of support for James A. Boswell

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing in support regarding the nomination of James A. Boswell to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board as the representative for the Moloka'i Land and Water Conservation District.

As the general manager of Hikiola Cooperative I am well acquainted with Mr. Boswell's outstanding service to our island's agricultural community. Hikiola Cooperative is an agricultural supply cooperative and has served the agri-businesses on Moloka'i for 36 years.

James possesses the qualifications to competently serve in this position. His contribution to the board is his 21 years as an educator in the field of agriculture with the Maui Community College, his reputation as a successful businessman and community volunteer, and his long family ties to this island. I trust him to make decisions in the best interest of Moloka'i and share with him the objective for the economic success of the system users.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Tamanaha".

Tina Tamanaha  
General Manager

GM 292



LINDA LINGLE  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008; 2:45 P.M.  
ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 292  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RICHARD K. WHEELER,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2012.

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 292 nominating Richard K. Wheeler to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. The department strongly supports his nomination.

Mr. Wheeler has spent the last 40 years working in agriculture as a primary producer. Mr. Wheeler came to Molokai in 1982 from the mid-west as a commercial beekeeper and was employed by the Molokai Honey Company to manage and operate the business which he purchased in 1989. After fifteen years of operation, he sold the business to another operator and began propagating plumeria flowers and has become one of the largest growers in the State. He is well qualified in many areas of farming and is an active water

customer of the system. Mr. Wheeler is currently a member of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board and Molokai Farm Bureau, and is Vice-President of the Hikiola Agricultural Cooperative. Mr. Wheeler exemplifies the belief that the agriculture industry is crucial to the well being of our state's economy and that efficient water distribution systems are a critical function of this industry. He has consistently attended Board meetings and participated in important discussions on Board matters. We respectfully ask for your support for the nomination of Mr. Richard Wheeler.

# Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board

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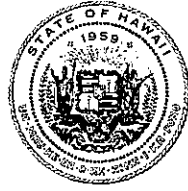
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Mr. Wheeler has been a resident of Molokai for close 30 to years. He has worked in agriculture on Molokai since he first arrived in 1982. He started off as a commercial bee keeper and eventually becoming one of the largest plumeria flower producers in the state. Mr. Wheeler is currently an advisory board member representing Hikiola Coop. He is an active and engage member of the farming community and understands the critical need to sustain and improve the Molokai Irrigation System for agriculture to grow on Molokai. I highly support his desire to serve another term.

GM 454



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STATE OF HAWAII

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AGRICULTURE & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008  
2:45 P.M.  
ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 454  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO  
THE MOLOKA'I IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS ADVISORY BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, AUDWIN A. CALAIRO,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011.

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 454 nominating Audwin A. Calairo to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board (MISWUAB). The department strongly supports his nomination.

Mr. Calairo is a life-long resident of Moloka'i and is currently employed by Monsanto-Moloka'i as a mechanic and maintenance technician. He is a parent participant in the Moloka'i 4-H program and a member of the Moloka'i Farm Bureau. Mr. Calairo's interest in becoming a member of the MISWUAB is to insure that the system is well managed and properly maintained. His work experience and knowledge in the technical area of equipment maintenance and repair will be invaluable to the board and the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Calairo will be representing the non-homestead MIS water users on Molokai and his prior and current work experience and community involvement makes him an

TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO

GM NO. 454

APRIL 1, 2008, 2:45 P.M.

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ideal candidate. As a native Hawaiian, he can relate to the concerns of the homesteaders while at the same time bringing the non-homesteaders' issues to the attention of the MISWUAB.

November 21, 2007

Boards and Commissions  
Office of the Governor  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Keith Kawano, Maui County Police Officer  
P.O. Box 1324  
Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748

Honorable Governor Linda Lingle or To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is my personal reference for Audwin Calairo regarding his application for the position of Board Member, Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board representing the non-homestead users on the island of Molokai.

I have known Audwin for 25 years as a personal friend. He is an active member of our community and a responsible person. In the MISUAB Board Member position, Audwin will properly and impartially represent the best interests of the MIS and its customers. I highly recommend that you approve his appointment.

Sincerely,

Keith Kawano  


November 21, 2007

Boards and Commissions  
Office of the Governor  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Clarence Loo  
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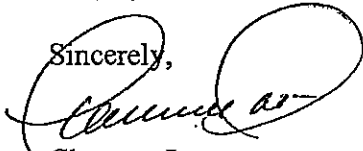
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I have known Audwin for 15 years, 13 years as his supervisor and 2 years as a personal friend. He is an active member of our community and a responsible person. In the MISUAB Board Member position, Audwin will properly and impartially represent the best interests of the MIS and its customers.

I highly recommend that you approve his appointment.

Sincerely,



Clarence Loo



November 21, 2007

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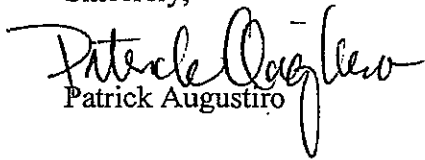
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I highly recommend that you approve his appointment.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Augustiro

**testimony**

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**From:** Viola [tippy@sandwichisles.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 11:47 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony GM 454

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair  
NOTICE OF HEARING – GM 454

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 1, 2008  
**TIME:** 2:45 PM.  
**PLACE:** Conference Room 224  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION**

My name is Viola K. Mundrick-Wichman and I am a Ho'olehua homestead farmer. I oppose the confirmation for Audwin A. Calairo because he is not a farmer neither is he a user of the MIS Irrigation system. Based on the audit and its recommendations by the state auditor he does not fit the criteria. I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Viola K. Mundrick-Wichman

**testimony**

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**From:** sweet potato [ldrd@wave.hicv.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2008 11:32 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Cc:** 'Alan Murakami'; 'Viola Mundrick'  
**Subject:** GM 454

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

My name is Lynn DeCoite and I am a third generation homestead farmer. I oppose the confirmation for Audwin A. Calairo because he is not a farmer neither is he a user of the MIS Irrigation system. Based on the audit and its recommendations by the state auditor he does not fit the criteria. I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Lynn DeCoite, Sweet Potato Farmer

**testimony**

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF  
AUDWIN CALAIRO AS A MEMBER  
OF THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION  
SYSTEM USERS ADVISORY

My name is Glenn I. Teves and I am a Ho'olehua homestead farmer. I have been farming banana and other fruits commercial for the last 20 years and I oppose the confirmation of Audwin A. Calairo because he is not a farmer/user of the MIS Irrigation system. Although he is employed as a mechanic for Monsanto, he doesn't fit the qualifications in the HRS. Based on the audit and its recommendations by the state auditor, he does not fit the criteria as a nominee. I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Glenn I. Teves

**testimony**

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NOTICE OF HEARING  
DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2008  
TIME: 2:45 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 224  
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

My name is Jose Faraon and my wife Rollanda Faraon are Hoolehua homestead farmers. We oppose the confirmation for Audwin A Calairo because he is not a farmer neither is he a user of the MIS Irrigation system. Based on the audit and its recommendations by the state auditor he does not fit the criteria. I thank you for the oppurtunity to submit testimony.

Jose Faraon  
Rollanda Faraon

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# Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board

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TESTIMONY OF ADOLPH HELM  
CHAIRPERSON, MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER USERS  
ADVISORY BOARD BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

APRIL 1, 2008, 2:45 P.M.

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Adolph Helm. I am a Molokai resident and Chairman of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Governor's Message No. 454 nominating Audwin A. Calairo to the Moloka'i Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board. I strongly support his nomination.

Mr. Calairo is a Native Hawaiian and life-long resident of Moloka'i and currently works for Monsanto-Moloka'i as a mechanic and maintenance technician. He is an active member in the community participating with his family in many positive activities. His knowledge and expertise in mechanical applications will help in our efforts to improve and sustain the Molokai Irrigation System. I highly recommend Mr. Calairo to the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board as our newest member.