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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. 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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**TESTIMONY OF ALFREDO LEE
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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. 268
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OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
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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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

GM 268

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

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

April 1, 2008

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TESTIMONY ON
GM 268
ROBERT V. OSGOOD

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 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

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 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.

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 268. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i or of CTAHR.

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.