

GM 269

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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. 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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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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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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

*An Affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation
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April 1, 2008

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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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ON AGRICULTURE and HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**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.