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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
BUSINESS CONCERNS AND
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 2085
RELATING TO AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

Chairs Yamashita and Tsuji 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 does not support HB 2085, which transfers the ADC to DBEDT and makes other amendments. We continue to believe that ADC should remain administratively attached to DOA. Both agencies should and does work closely together on various projects that directly affect all agricultural business ventures. Shifting ADC to DBEDT will only dilute the efforts and resources away from the agricultural industry. We believe that ADC and DOA complements each other as agricultural issues and projects are become more complex. We should be finding ways to add more resources to both ADC and DOA instead of splitting them apart.

We respectfully ask that you hold this bill in committee.

Thank you.