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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS

THE TWENTY-FIFTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
3:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GM373** - RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, GUBATORIAL NOMINEE **DAVID G. RIETOW**
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2014.

THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Christine M. Daleiden, and I am currently the Acting Chair of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). I strongly **support** the confirmation of David G. Rietow to another term as a board member on ADC. During the time David has served on the board of ADC, he has been a vocal and outgoing supporter of diversified agriculture for this state, and the knowledge and experience he brings to this board is immense.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Christine M. Daleiden
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF DAVID G. RIETOW FOR THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Dear Senators Clayton Hee, Chair, Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair, Robert Bunda, Carol Fukunaga and Russell Kokubun, Members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of David G. Rietow for the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

Mr. David G. Rietow has more than 40 years of experience in Hawaii's agricultural industry and has a proven track record in successfully managing agricultural businesses and projects. His knowledge, experience and dedication to the field make him an ideal candidate for the Board.

The ADC role is to facilitate and provide direction for the transition of Hawaii's agriculture industry from a dominance of sugar and pineapple to one composed of a diversity of different crops. Its mission is to acquire, and manage in partnership with farmers, ranchers, and aquaculture groups, selected high-value lands, water systems, and infrastructure for commercial agricultural use and to direct research into areas that will lead to the development of new crops, markets, and lower production costs.

Mr. Rietow has submitted his qualifications and has expressed his strong desire to contribute to ADC by working toward achieving its goals to: 1) transition former plantation land and water systems for diversified agriculture; 2) initiate development of facilities and provide support as necessary for successful diversified agriculture and 3) provide solutions to certain bottleneck issues facing the agriculture industry.

HFIA believes that Mr. Rietow's involvement as a member of the Board of ADC would benefit not only the agricultural industry, but also the community at large.

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 approximately 250 member companies and individuals. We have worked closely with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
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March 30, 2010

GOVERNORS MESSAGE ~~NO. 372~~ and 373
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE'S, DAVID RIETOW ~~AND DUANE LAU~~, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 06-30-2014

Chairperson Hee and members of the Committee:

The Kekaha Agriculture Association strongly supports the consideration and confirmation of Mr. David Rietow and Mr. Duane Lau for another four-year term to the Agribusiness Development Corporation's (ADC) board.

Both of these individuals have long demonstrated a genuine passion and understanding for the issues affecting Hawaii's agricultural industry. The current economic downturn presents an immediate and difficult task for the ADC, and it is particularly important at this time that board members possess an understanding of both history and the operations related to the industry.

We wish to convey our enthusiastic support for both of these respected individuals.

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