

GM 578

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Governor



State of Hawaii
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Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

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Deputy to the Chairperson

TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 578
SUBMITTING FOR THE CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT E. ENRIGHT,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2015.

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Agriculture is in strong support of the nomination of Scott E. Enright to the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Mr. Enright received a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Philosophy from the University of Hawaii at Hilo. While he is currently completing his master's degree in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University, he is also working for Hawaii Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Project as a consultant.

Mr. Enright is a true advocate for building stronger communities and has participated in numerous community-based internships with Hospice of Hilo, the Hale Nani Community Reintegration Program, and Protect O`okala Hawaii. He also held a management position with Hamakua Sugar Company. In addition, Mr. Enright has served on numerous boards and commissions, such as the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, Hawaii County's Environmental Management



Commission, and the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District.

Because he has worked on all five major islands in Hawaii, Mr. Enright offers a unique insight into the intricacies and needs of rural and agricultural communities statewide. He is also trained and skilled in community conflict resolution which aims to find common ground in adversarial situations.

Given his vast knowledge and experience, I am confident that Mr. Enright will be a great asset as a member of the ADC board and strongly urge your support for his confirmation.



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AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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**TESTIMONY OF ALFREDO LEE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE**

Thursday, April 14, 2011
2:45 pm
Conference Room 229

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SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT E. ENRIGHT,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015**

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is in support of the nomination of Scott E. Enright to the ADC board of directors.

Mr. Enright has led a long diversified career, starting in biomass research at UH Manoa and from there as Orchard and Irrigation Superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics, a 500-acre guava orchard. He further increased his expertise in water systems as the Cultivation and Irrigation Superintendent for the Hamakua Sugar Company, responsible for the agricultural water systems and personnel management of the operation, as well as Project Manager for ITC

Water Management, a well-known company involved in the design and repair of large irrigation systems.

Having a Master's Degree in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Mr. Enright has been a valuable contributor of leadership and problem-solving to his local community. Currently he is Co-Chair of Agriculture for the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for Hamakua District, a member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, the Vice Chair of Hawaii County's Environmental Management Commission, and the Hawaii Democratic Party District 1 Chair. In addition he has been active as East Hawaii Representative of the Hawaii State Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors, and is a founding member and past president of the O'okala Community Association.

With his knowledge of agriculture water systems, biomass energy, worker programs, community advocacy, and conflict resolution, ADC welcome's the unique benefits Mr. Enright will bring to our board.

Thank you.

nishihara5 - Randy

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Submitted by: Alan Gottlieb
Organization: Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Address:
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Submitted on: 4/6/2011

Comments:

nishihara5 - Randy

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Walker Sanders
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: walker@hawaiisimplynatural.com
Submitted on: 4/12/2011

Comments:

Scott Enright is known to me to be a solid and considerate individual who possesses the skills, temperament and background to be a positive and participatory director of the ADC. I look forward to his confirmation and to the start of something better for the ADC and our State.

nishihara5 - Randy

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Organization: Island Naturals
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E-mail: russell@islandnaturals.com
Submitted on: 4/12/2011

Comments:

In support of GM 578, Scott Enright for Agribusiness Development Corporation B.o.D.

nishihara5 - Randy

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John A. Ervin
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: johnaervin@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 4/12/2011

Comments:

Aloha, I urge you to consider and confirm GM 578 Gubernatorial Nominee Scott E. Enright to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. I have known Mr. Enright for approximately eight years and I have found him to be highly articulate, knowledgeable of Hawaiian agricultural issues, humble and highly intelligent. I have worked with on community issues and I have found that Scott is a truly devoted public volunteer. The entire State of Hawai'i will benefit from Mr. Enright's participation on the Agribusiness Corporation. I urge you in the strongest of terms to support Governor Abercrombie's Nominee, Scott E. Enright, to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i State Agribusiness Development Corporation. You will not find a more qualified Nominee. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
John A. Ervin

nishihara5 - Randy

From: Richard Spiegel [richard@volcanoislandhoney.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 12:40 PM
To: AGL Testimony
Subject: hearing number is GM578, Scott E. Enright

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Volcano Island Honey Company, LLC
46-4013 Puaono Road, Honokaa, HI 96727
Tel: (808)775-1000 Fax: (808)775-0412

April 12, 2011

TO: Committee on Agriculture
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

RE: Hearing on confirmation of SCOTT E. ENRIGHT, GM578
To the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2011
Time: 2:45 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Please accept my testimony in support of the confirmation of nominee SCOTT E. ENRIGHT, (GM578) to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

I have known Scott for many years. In my opinion and experience Scott is an intelligent, articulate person with deep integrity, high philosophic goals and a history of committed action especially concerning the development of a truly sustainable agricultural model for the State of Hawaii.

I highly recommend and urge the confirmation of Scott to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Scott and his perspectives will be an asset to the Board and agriculture in the State of Hawaii.

Aloha,

Richard Spiegel

Owner
Volcano Island Honey Co.

Date: 4/12/11

To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: Bill Hewetson, Vice President, ITC Water Management Inc.
Phone: (808) 960-3780
bill.hewetson@itcwater.com

Subject: Governor's Message No. 578 – Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation for a term to expire 6/30/2015. Public hearing on 04-14-11, 2:45PM in conference room 229.

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

I have known Scott for over 20 years. We worked closely together at both Hamakua Sugar Company and ITC Water Management Inc. I support Scott Enright's appointment to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

While at Hamakua Sugar, Scott's responsibilities included cultivation, planting, irrigation and harvesting trucking. He coordinated and supervised in excess of 70 people working at a variety of agricultural tasks.

Scott's duties during his time at ITC Water Management involved project management for a variety of irrigation and pipeline installations. These projects were on Kauai, Oahu and Molokai and included agricultural irrigation, golf course irrigation, landscaping and water system development.

Scott has been working in or around agriculture for more than 20 years. His experience with Hamakua Sugar and ITC Water Management gives him a "hands on" understanding of farming and irrigation in Hawaii. I have found him to be thorough and very good dealing with people. He will make a good addition to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Bill Hewetson

TESTIMONY BY DWIGHT TAKAMINE
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF

NOMINEE, SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Thursday, April 14, 2011

2:45 p.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I testify in support of Mr. Enright's confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). Mr. Enright has a resume that when combined with his people and communication skills make him an ideal candidate to serve on the Board of the ADC.

Mr. Enright's professional career includes extensive experience in various capacities in the agricultural sector, including directing the company that owned and operated the Hamakua Ditch and reservoir system utilized by Hamakua Sugar and experience working on other ditch and reservoir systems throughout the state. This experience has given Mr. Enright a strong understanding of land use planning and policy pertaining to agriculture in Hawaii as well as a thorough understanding and knowledge of sustainable agricultural models.

Mr. Enright's formal education and public service for boards and commissions will also allow him to make a strong contribution to the ADC if confirmed. He is currently finishing the degree requirements for an M.S. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, specializing in Community & Environmental Conflict, from George Mason University. Mr. Enright also has diverse experiences serving on numerous commissions and boards in the community.

I can personally attest to Mr. Enright's qualifications as I have had the good fortune to work closely with Scott for the last 26 years in the community. Scott was a founding member of the O'okala Community Association and provided leadership in the community when Hamakua Sugar went bankrupt in 1996. Scott was a key leader who developed a communal process to advocate for former sugar workers and others in the community, in fact, other communities on the Hilo-Hamakua Coast quickly adopted that model. Since then, Scott has maintained a leadership role in the community and has endeavored both as a member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation and as an individual for agricultural diversification and sustainability on the Big Island.

In summary, Mr. Enright has the character, knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment to serve as a valuable asset not only to the Agribusiness Development Corporation, but ultimately to the entire state. Scott is supremely qualified and deserving of confirmation to the ADC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Brad Kurokawa
P.O. Box 402
Honolulu, HI 96728

April 12, 2011

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message No. 578 – Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness
Development Corporation for a term to expire 6/30/2015

Dear Senator Nishihara:

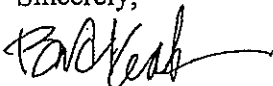
I am writing to support the nomination of Scott Enright to the Board of Directors of the
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I have known Mr. Enright for several years after making acquaintance with Scott while working
as the Deputy Planning Director for Hawaii County. We met as Scott researched planning issues
on a project in O'okala to develop an industrial veneer mill and power plant in a former
plantation camp. I also have the privilege of serving with Scott on the Steering Committee of the
Hamakua Community Development Plan (CDP) planning effort. Our appointed volunteer
committee serves as community representatives working with the Hawaii County planning
department and consultant team to develop the Hamakua district CDP. The Hamakua CDP will
provide the vision and guiding action plan for Hamakua's future. As you know Hawaii island's
Hamakua district is one of the state's prime agricultural regions so we are grappling with key
agricultural issues relevant statewide. Scott co-chairs the Agriculture sub-committee.

Scott's extensive professional expertise and community experience would undoubtedly well
serve the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board. Besides his in-depth knowledge of local
agriculture Scott consistently brings a holistic critical thinking perspective to the table. Visionary
yet pragmatic, Scott is also personable and collaborative which makes him an effective
contributor and team member.

I enthusiastically support Scott Enright's nomination to the state's Agribusiness Development
Corporation's Board of Directors and urge you and your committee to accept/confirm Scott's
nomination. Mahalo for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,



Brad Kurokawa

April 11, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF: Stephen R. Skipper
P.O. # 625
Hilo,
Hawaii 96721

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message No. 578 – Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation for a term to expire 6/30/2015. Public hearing on 04-14-11, 2:45PM in conference room 229.

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

I send this letter in recommendation of Mr. Scott Enright for the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. I have known Scott for over 3 decades. I first met him through the Molokai Canoe Club resurrection in the late 70's.

I have been employed as a conservationist and resource manager in USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service for 32 years in Hawaii and referred Scott to Ms. Nancy Gillingham of Lokahi Pacific on Maui when she was having problems with the management of one of the earliest bio-energy project in the State of Hawaii at the Molokai Agricultural Park in early 1980's. Ms. Gillingham hired Scott and from that point on the project began to take shape and improve drastically.

Scott had little agricultural background at that time but was a quick read and has since worked in bioenergy, fruit tree crop production for C. Brewer's Kai Guava on Kauai, and in sugar cultivation for C. Brewer at Hamakua Plantation on the Big Island. Scott has also managed and been point person for large agricultural pipeline installation projects on Molokai with Irrigation Technology Company (ITC) a major irrigation supply company in the plantation era.

I have watched Scott's development in awe as he has continuously mastered new concepts, successfully dealt with difficult situations and applied critical thinking and advanced problem solving skills both in the field and corporate board room to get things done through consensus and cooperation. Scott has worked in agriculture here in Hawaii from the ground up, from field hand to field supervisor and on to provide negotiation, counseling and human resources skills as a liaison between the unions and plantation employees at Hamakua Sugar.

Scott has also worked tirelessly in recent years as a community volunteer and leader in efforts to protect agricultural land and to insure proper land use planning policies are followed to protect our communities and help preserve our unique Hawaiian lifestyles.

April 11, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF: Stephen R. Skipper
P.O. # 625
Hilo,
Hawaii 96721

Scott Enright comes to any organization with what I would term the "full package" of skills that are now critical toward explaining and analyzing issues, developing community contacts, bridging the multi-cultural gaps and gaining consensus toward getting things done. He is a great listener and has superior communication skills that cross ethnic lines here. His years of work on Molokai, Kauai and along Hamakua give him a clear understanding of locally held values and traditions. His academic background provides current knowledge required in conflict management and community based problem solving of complex land use and other issues.

Please free to call me at any time if you would like further information.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Skipper (808)-895-6213

nishihara5 - Randy

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted by: Stephen R. Skipper
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: Skipnalua@aol.com
Submitted on: 4/12/2011

Comments:

Scott Enright is an upstanding, honest, rational and intelligent individual. He is community oriented at the core and is dedicated to the well being of those he is always in service to..He will be a positive productive member of any organization that seeks to serve the people and aina of Hawaii nei.

Brad Kurokawa
P.O. Box 402
Honolulu, HI 96728

April 12, 2011

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
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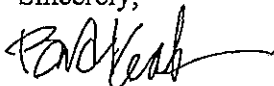
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Sincerely,



Brad Kurokawa

April 12, 2011

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Nishihara,

I am writing to **support** Scott Enright's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Scott has been an active member of the community-based Steering Committee for the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (CDP) on Hawai'i Island.

In his capacity as a Steering Committee member, Scott has shared his extensive knowledge about agriculture, particularly about the real challenges to and opportunities for agriculture as an economic driver for the region and the State. Scott has wide-ranging experience managing agricultural operations, from research and development, infrastructure installation and repair, labor relations, to agricultural economics.

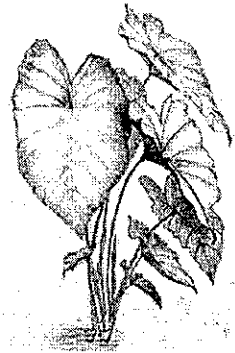
This knowledge and experience, paired with his cooperative and thoughtful character, give Scott a distinctive skill set that will be of great benefit to the ADC Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christian R. Kay
Planner
County of Hawai'i Planning Department

HAMAKUA NORTH HILO AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE



April 13, 2011

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara,
Chairperson Committee on Agriculture

Sent by email

Re: Hearing #GM578
Hearing date April 14, 2011 2:45 pm
Measure: Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of
Agribusiness Development Corporation – Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott E. Enright

Dear Senator Nishihara,

Please accept this letter as our enthusiastic and wholehearted support for Scott E. Enright's appointment to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. We represent 100 small farmers on the Hamakua Coast and we are united in our strong belief that Scott E. Enright is an ideal selection for this position.

Mr. Enright has proven that he is an effective leader with great vision. He has demonstrated his leadership capacity to the Hamakua community by actively volunteering and leading many projects in this district. His many years of service have equipped him with a wide range of experience that uniquely qualifies him for this position.

It is a critical moment in time for agriculture in Hawaii. Progressive and knowledgeable leadership must be in place to complete our transition from the plantation era of the past to the new face of agriculture in the State and food security for our residents.

Mr. Enright's combination of intellect, integrity, and vast experience will make him an outstanding addition to the Board. We unconditionally support his nomination and urge you to confirm him as a Board member.

Sincerely Yours,
Michael Gibson, President

P.O. Box 1335 HONOKAA, HAWAII 96727

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EMAIL: farmers@hnhac.com

nishihara5 - Randy

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John C. Cross
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jccross@hawaiiantel.net
Submitted on: 4/13/2011

Comments:

Please accept my support for Scott Enright to be nominated to the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He has extensive knowledge of Big Island agribusiness activities and the unique challenges we face. He will be a valuable asset to the Board. Aloha John C. Cross

nishihara5 - Randy

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 4:24 PM
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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: George Martin
Organization: I.L.W.U.
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: gmartin@ilwulocal142.org
Submitted on: 4/13/2011

Comments:
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is, George A. Martin.
I am a business agent with the I.L.W.U. Local 142, on Hawaii Island.
I am writhing to you today to give my support to the nomination of MR. Scott Enright to the Agribusiness Development Corporation.
I have known and worked with Scott for more then twenty years. I came to know him when we were both employees in the now defunct, Hamakua Sugar Plantation. We both lived in Ookala and were on the Ookala community Association as bord members.
I belive that his ability and back ground make him a wise choice for this position, and your positive consideration will be greatly appreciated.
Mahalo,
G. A. Martin

The Twenty-Sixth Legislature
Regular Session of 2011

THE SENATE
Committee on Agriculture
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 229
Thursday, April 14, 2011; 2:45 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 578
SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The ILWU Local 142 supports the confirmation of Scott E. Enright to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Mr. Enright has an extensive career in agriculture on several islands. The ILWU's experience with Mr. Enright was primarily during his tenure at Hamakua Sugar Company in the 1990s until the company closed. Following the closure, he worked with the community as president of the newly formed Ookala community association and assisted with community planning in the Hamakua District.

Mr. Enright will bring to the Agribusiness Development Corporation not only a solid understanding of agriculture and Hawaii's needs in the area but a collaborative style that can mediate conflict toward an amicable resolution. In addition, we believe that Mr. Enright will be a reasoned advocate for diversified agriculture and the need to preserve Hawaii's agricultural lands.

The ILWU urges confirmation of Scott E. Enright for the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Testimony on: GM 578, Confirmation of Scott E. Enright

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 14th, 2011 2:45 PM
Room: Conference Room 229

To: Chairman Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair Gilbert Kahele and the Agriculture Committee Members

From: Albert E. Beeman
908 Kumukoa Street, Hilo, HI 96720

Subject: In Favor of Confirmation (GM 578)

Aloha Members of the Agriculture Committee,

I urge you to vote in favor of the confirmation of Scott E. Enright to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

I known and have worked with Scott Enright for several years. I know him to be dependable and honest and a man of his word.

Scott has both a strong management background in Agribusiness and Water Management.

Scott also has a long standing interest in renewable energy, biofuels and sustainable agriculture.

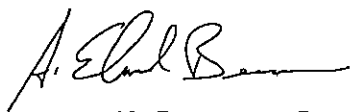
Scott Enright is entrepreneurial by nature and a determined problem solver who is always looking for more efficient way to get things done.

Scott is also community service oriented; he servers on Hamakua District Community Development Plan Steering Committee and the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board.

Scott is also a very effective Democratic Party District 1 Chair here on the Big Island.

I cannot think of a more qualified candidate to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, I urge confirmation.

Mahalo for your time,



Albert E. Beeman, Secretary
Democratic Party of Hawaii- Hawaii County Committee
Hilo

April 13th, 2011

JASON D. MONIZ, D.V.M.

PO BOX 428

PAAUILO, HI 96776

Chairman Senator Nishihara and members of the Committee on Agriculture, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nominations of Scott Enright, Alan Takemoto and Letitia Uyehara, as directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. The Governor has selected three very qualified individuals to serve on this important agriculture board. I have worked with all three and hold each in very high regard.

I have worked as a veterinary medical office and program manager with the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for 28 years and worked in support of and admired Tisha Uyehara's leadership and initiatives while she served as the Department's deputy chairperson.

As a member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau for many years I greatly appreciated Alan Takemoto's leadership and tireless efforts to support the farmers and ranchers in Hawaii.

I'm currently serving along with Scott Enright on the County of Hawaii's Hamakua Community Development Plan steering committee where we both focus on the Agriculture and Natural Resources strategy areas. I have quickly come to appreciate the knowledge, communication and conflict avoidance skills Scott demonstrates at the many public and strategy area meetings we have attended.

Again these are three highly qualified individuals and I strongly support their nominations to the Agribusiness Development Corporation.