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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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10:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131
REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE DUTIES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE CORPORATION'S EFFICIENCY AND
PROGRAMS TO BETTER ADDRESS CURRENT AND FUTURE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES.**

Chairperson Tsuji and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Concurrent Resolution No. 131. The purpose of this resolution is to assess and make recommendations to improve the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to better address current and future agricultural issues. The Department offers the following comments.

One of the key components of successful agriculture in general, as well as the ADC, is the appropriate use of agricultural lands and irrigation water. Should this resolution move forward, the department respectfully recommends that two additional members be added to the working group. The first is a member who has experience in the development and management of irrigation water systems, and the second is a member who has experience in agricultural land planning, development, and management. We believe the addition of these members would produce a well rounded group, capable of adequately addressing all aspects of the ADC's functions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

