

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3536

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2012

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 826,  
827

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 826 and 827, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

G.M. No. 826 LYNN DECOITE,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2016; and

G.M. No. 827 GLENN HONG,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2016 (Term  
amended to 6-30-2013 by GM922),

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Lynn Decoite and Glenn Hong to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Agriculture.

LYNN DECOITE

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Lynn Decoite from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Moloka'i Chamber of Commerce; Molokai Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Young Brothers, Ltd.; Molokai Island Foundation; Keaukaha Panaewa Farmers Association; Ahupua'a O Moloka'i; and fifteen individuals.



Your Committee finds that Lynn Decoite has many years of agricultural experience. She is the current Owner and Ranch Handler for V-8 Ranch, where she handles breeding, branding, irrigating, and the overall maintenance and management at the ranch. She is also the Owner and Manager of L&R Farm Enterprises, LLC, overseeing the daily operations of planting, harvesting, irrigating, and marketing produce.

Ms. Decoite is a Hawaiian homestead farmer who has also established a value-added sweet potato chip business that utilizes the sweet potato grown on her farm.

Your Committee further finds that Ms. Decoite has served as a member of the Molokai Irrigation System Water Users Advisory Board, which has given her experience with complex water issues facing the agricultural industry on Molokai.

Ms. Decoite's extensive and diverse knowledge of farming and agriculture will serve her well as a member of the Board of Agriculture.

#### GLENN HONG

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Glenn Hong from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Young Brothers, Ltd.; Meadow Gold Dairies; Moloka'i Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Glenn Hong received his Bachelor's degree in Science from the University of Southern California. He is currently the President of Young Brothers, Ltd., an inter-island cargo common carrier.

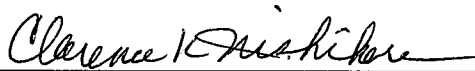
Mr. Hong serves on the boards of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group and The Foundation for the Asia Pacific Center for Strategic Studies. He is also a member of the University of Hawaii Shidler College of Business Advisory Board.

With his strong business background and experience in inter-island transportation logistics, policies, strategic planning, resource allocation, and regulation, Mr. Hong will provide the Board of Agriculture with a unique perspective on the transportation of agricultural commodities in our island state.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture,

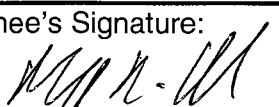
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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



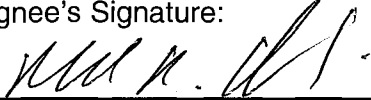
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| The Recommendation is:  |   |                                      |                         |                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent<br>2340  | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent<br>2345 |                                      |                         |                                  |
| Members   | Aye   | Aye (WR)                             | Nay                     | Excused                          |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)  | /   |                                      |                         |                                  |
| KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)  |   |                                      |                         | /                                |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne   | /   |                                      |                         |                                  |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.   | /   |                                      |                         |                                  |
| KOUCHI, Ronald D.   | /   |                                      |                         |                                  |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile  | /   |                                      |                         |                                  |
| TOKUDA, Jill N.   |   |                                      |                         | /                                |
| WAKAI, Glenn  | /   |                                      |                         |                                  |
| SLOM, Sam   |   |                                      |                         | /                                |
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| Members   | Aye                               | Aye (WR)                | Nay                              | Excused  |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)  | /                                 |                         |                                  |          |
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| WAKAI, Glenn  | /                                 |                         |                                  |          |
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