

# GM522 Testimony

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT.



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Testimony on GM 522  
Confirmation of Scott Enright  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
Governor Neil Abercrombie

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Ronald Kouchi, Vice Chair

February 27, 2014  
2:45 p.m. Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and committee members, I respectfully ask for your favorable support of my nominee Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright has been the Deputy of the Department of Agriculture since February 2012 and has shown tremendous leadership and managerial skills. His skillset and experience are exactly what is needed in the Department to move the state forward. He also understands the challenges ahead and is willing and capable to address them.

Mr. Enright is the right person to lead the Department of Agriculture and I am proud to have him as a member of my team.

Thank you for your consideration to confirm him as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
AGRICULTURE**

**Thursday, February 27, 2014  
2:45 PM  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

Governor's Message 522 submits a nomination for Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this nomination.**

Mr. Enright has served as Deputy Director of the HDOA since 2012 and has been heavily involved in operations of the HDOA Division of Plant Industry. Mr. Enright's work, particularly with the HDOA's Plant Quarantine Branch and the Plant Pest Control Branch, has contributed to a coordinated and effective set of programs on which Department staff has had the pleasure of collaborating. His experience working with the wide variety of projects that fall under the mandate of HDOA make him an excellent candidate for this position. Further, Mr. Enright's background of working in the agricultural industry, including sustainable agriculture and water management, will provide insight in how HDOA programs can best meet needs of the agricultural community in Hawaii.

The Department looks forward to working closely with Mr. Enright on issues that impact both agencies, including invasive species. As of December 2013, Mr. Enright is the acting co-chair of the interagency Hawaii Invasive Species Council, and his commitment to working across siloes will maximize efficacy of interagency projects and initiatives.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments.

**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
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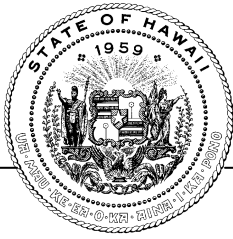
I respectfully urge your **strong support** for the confirmation of Scott Enright as  
Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Scott Enright has served the Department of Agriculture as its Deputy Director  
and is currently Acting Director. I have had the fortunate opportunity to serve with Scott  
on various boards and can assure you that he leverages DOA's resources for the  
benefit of Hawaii's farmers and residents. He is an experienced manager who supports  
his staff and works with federal, state, county and community partners.

I respectfully urge your **favorable consideration** of the nomination of Scott Enright  
as Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.





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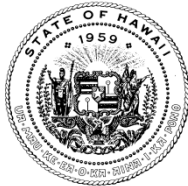
Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture.

I support Governor Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Scott Enright to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture (DOA). I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Enright in my current position as Director of the State Office of Planning. I have found Mr. Enright to be knowledgeable and effective in his role as deputy to the DOA Chairperson.

Mr. Enright has a deep understanding of issues facing agriculture in the State of Hawaii based on his public and private sector experience, which includes serving as the administrator of the DOA Divisions of Plant Industry and Agricultural Development, managing the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funding program, and directing Human Resources for the Office of the Chair. In the private sector, he was a consultant for the Hawaii Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Project, project manager for the ITC Water Management Inc., cultivation and irrigation superintendent for Hamakua Sugar Company, and orchard superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics.

Thank you for considering my testimony in your deliberations.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
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**G.M. 522**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the**  
**Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

Senate Committee on Agriculture

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairperson to the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright has served as the Deputy Director for the Department of Agriculture since February 2012 and in his capacity has collaborated with the DOT to address several important matters such as agricultural inspections at our ports. We are pleased with Mr. Enright's understanding in considering our concerns and look forward to working together.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**TESTIMONY BY DWIGHT TAKAMINE**  
**IN STRONG SUPPORT OF NOMINEE**

**SCOTT ENRIGHT**  
**AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, February 27, 2014  
2:45p  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my strongest support for the confirmation of Scott Enright as the next Chairman for the Department of Agriculture.

As is the case with many of you, I had the privilege of sharing a special relationship with the previous Chairman of the Agriculture Department. Frankly, in my humble opinion, I felt that Russell Kokubun was probably the best cabinet appointment the Governor made. Having said that, I am very confident that Scott Enright is the best qualified person to continue to provide real leadership to the Department of Agriculture.

This is based on knowing Scott for over two decades and being “neighbors” on the Big Island. I knew him when he was part of Francis Morgan’s management team for the Hamakua Sugar Co. At that time, Francis, Scott, along with everyone from the company worked with the community to keep Hamakua Sugar Co. going because it served as the economic base for families on the Hamakua coastline for over 100 years. (It’s interesting, 2014 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year since Hamakua Sugar Co. closed its doors for the final time.)

Since then, I have gained a greater appreciation for Scott through his deep involvement in the transition of the community and especially in agriculture. His commitment to agriculture has been constant. His strong land use planning background and experience working on ditch and reservoir systems throughout the state are critical tools that will serve him well. Scott has also served on numerous boards and commissions such as the Agribusiness Development Corporation, which provided additional venues to further promote agriculture.

In addition, Scott’s background, education, and training provide him with strengths that allow him to participate in sound agriculture policy planning at the highest level. He also has a thorough understanding and knowledge of sustainable agricultural models. Finally, serving in the various

capacities has allowed him to develop ongoing relationships with many of the leaders in the agricultural community. These invaluable attributes position him to provide essential leadership at a critical time for our state.

I wholeheartedly support your favorable consideration of Scott Enright to be the next Chairman of the Department of Agriculture. It would provide a solid sense of continuity for the department when it is needed most. Thank you again for the opportunity to share my views with you and I am available for any questions you may have.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
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TESTIMONY  
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TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
AGRICULTURE  
ON  
February 27, 2014

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
SCOTT ENRIGHT

Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on G.M. 522. The Department of Accounting and General Services strongly supports Mr. Scott Enright's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

As Comptroller, I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Enright while in his capacity as Deputy to the Chair and subsequently as Interim Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. I have found Mr. Enright to be a highly motivated public servant with a strong work ethic, who takes a proactive approach to problem solving, seeks input and consensus on issues, quickly grasps complex issues, and communicates effectively in a positive and encouraging manner.

Without reservation, I truly believe that Mr. Enright possesses the requisite professional and people skills necessary to serve the Department of Agriculture and the people of Hawaii with honor and distinction.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

February 27, 2014

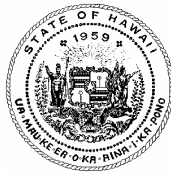
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Please accept my testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Enright, as  
Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright has served as the deputy of the department for the past two years, during  
which time I believe he has consistently advocated support for the agricultural industry in  
Hawaii and has supported evolving the department to better address the long-term role it will  
play in the future of the state. Mr. Enright has a very easy demeanor that conveys confidence  
and thoroughness. This is balanced with a substantial and diverse professional background that  
would be valuable to the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright's wide variety of experience  
in State government and working with the private sector provides him with the broad range of  
knowledge and background that would be valuable as chair for the Board of Agriculture.

I believe Mr. Enright is a good candidate for chair who will bring a depth of experience  
to the Administration, establish goals and objectives that would move the Department of  
Agriculture forward and similarly align the Administration's plans to better address the  
department's customers, stakeholders, and the public at large.

I respectfully ask for the Committee's favorable consideration of Scott Enright's  
confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.



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February 25, 2014

Testimony of  
Barbara A. Krieg, Director  
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
February 27, 2014  
2:45 p.m., Conference Room 229  
in consideration of

**Governor's Message No. 522**  
**Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation of**  
**Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT**  
**As Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture**

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

TO CHAIRPERSON CLARENCE NISHIHARA AND FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** for the confirmation of Mr. Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture (DOA).

Mr. Enright brings with him a solid understanding of DOA's functions from his time as Deputy Chairperson. This will empower him to continue to provide the high quality of services to help ensure the State of Hawaii's precious eco-system and diverse agricultural economy are protected.

It has been my honor to work with Mr. Enright during his tenure as Deputy Chairperson. He has demonstrated that he is knowledgeable, professional and caring. I hope that with your support we can continue to work together to move Hawai'i forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Mr. Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.





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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
IN SUPPORT OF

**GM 522, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
SCOTT ENRIGHT.**

February 27, 2014

Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is in strong support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. Scott Enright to lead the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright is well-qualified for this position and has the academic and professional credentials to successfully and effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Chair of the Board of Agriculture and the Director of the Department of Agriculture. During his tenure as the deputy at the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Enright has demonstrated a strong interest in supporting agricultural activities on Hawaiian home lands. Specifically, we worked with him on addressing concerns related access to water on our lands on Molokai. We believe he has an open and collaborative leadership approach and DHHL looks forward to continuing to work with Mr. Enright and the Department of Agriculture on issues that impact our homestead

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farmers and ranchers and enable us to rebuild our agricultural  
homesteading program

We respectfully urge your committee to advise and consent to this  
nomination. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Testimony of  
**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
Chairperson, Commission on Water Resource Management

Before the Senate Committee on  
**AGRICULTURE**

Thursday, February 27, 2014  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of  
**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522**  
**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS**  
**THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

The Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources **strongly endorse and support** the Governor's nomination of **Mr. Scott Enright as the Director of the State Department of Agriculture.**

As Department of Agriculture Director, Mr. Enright will also serve as an *ex-officio* voting member of the State Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Since February 2012, Mr. Enright has served as Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture where he directed initiatives to revitalize the state's livestock industry and improve infrastructure for irrigation systems statewide. Prior to that, he had a variety of experiences in Hawaii's agricultural enterprises. He managed field operations for Kilauea Agronomics, planned and implemented major private, state and federal waterline construction projects throughout the state, developed new agricultural techniques to secure food and energy independence for the Big Island, and served as the cultivation and irrigation superintendent for Hamakua Sugar Company.

He is a proven leader on a variety of boards and commissions, including the Board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation where he brought a thoughtful and common sense approach to Hawaii's agricultural needs. He listens well and works to incorporate the ideas of others into coherent plans. He builds consensus, where possible, and has an intuitive sense of how to involve others. Remarkably, he does not lose his temper or his wry sense of humor. His keen insights and low key manner are in great demand these days.

It is with pleasure that the Commission strongly support Mr. Scott Enright's nomination to serve as the Director of Agriculture and *ex-officio* member of the State Agribusiness Development Corporation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

William P. Kenoi  
*Mayor*



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February 26, 2014

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara  
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Hawai`i State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 522: Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Dear Chairperson Nishihara and members of the Committee on Agriculture:

I am pleased to support the confirmation of Scott Enright as Director for the State's Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright has demonstrated effective leadership and dedication to the agriculture industry on our island and statewide. He is respected by the farming community because he is knowledgeable about their issues and concerns. He has proven to be accessible, a good listener and an accomplished problem solver.

There are challenges facing the agriculture industry, but we are confident that Mr. Enright will make a positive difference with the support of this entire staff and related departments like ours. He has clearly defined goals for the department, and the competence and determination to be successful. He is recognized by his peers and this department for his collaborative leadership approach and will serve Hawai`i's agriculture industry well.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for Mr. Enright.

Sincerely,

LAVERNE R. OMORI  
Director



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Office of the Chancellor

February 18, 2014

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara  
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture  
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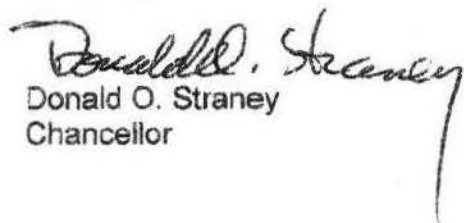
Dear Chair Nishihara:

I am please to support the nomination of Mr. Scott Enright for the position of Chairperson to the Board of Agriculture.

As the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo since 2010, I have enjoyed a very positive working relationship with Mr. Enright. His extensive knowledge and experience in agriculture, his ability to work positively with the public, private industry and government, and his support of educational and training needs for agricultural development has made him an extremely valuable Interim Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

His accomplishments and professionalism as the Deputy Director for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, coupled with his management skills make him an outstanding and capable leader for the position of Chairperson to the Board of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

  
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TESTIMONY OF JAMES NAKATANI  
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GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) is in strong support for the nomination of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Scott has a solid background in agriculture and community relations.

Scott is an agriculture enthusiast and has dedicated his life to agriculture. His knowledge and experience has helped the ADC move agriculture forward with various land acquisitions as the chairman of the land development committee.

Scott has worked diligently as the Deputy Director, State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture trying to fulfill the Governor's New Day agenda for agriculture.

In addition, Scott has served on the Hamakua District Community Development Plan Steering Committee, and as a board member at the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board.

Scott will bring to the State of Hawaii Board of Agriculture valuable leadership, and business experience. He is an accomplished professional who will be a great asset to the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Thursday, January 27, 2014 – 2:45 p.m. – Room 229

**Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports GM 522, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Enright**

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

Ulupono Initiative is a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase renewable energy, and reduce/recycle waste. We invest in projects that have the potential to create large-scale, innovative change.

**Ulupono strongly supports GM 522**, which is Scott Enright's confirmation as the new Director of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture. We at Ulupono Initiative have found Scott to be a smart, pragmatic, experienced and effective champion for agriculture in Hawai'i.

As deputy director, Scott has been instrumental in supporting all forms of agriculture and works extremely well with the broadly diverse agricultural community. He has proven to be an excellent government partner for our work to bring new dairies to Hawai'i, revitalize the cattle industry, and support large and small farmers. Scott has shown that he is capable of getting results for our farmers and ranchers. We have confidence in his leadership and his ability to make a difference.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

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Hawaii's Agricultural Partnership

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Thursday, February 27, 2014 2:45 pm Room 229

**GM 522 FOR CONSIDERATION OF SCOTT ENRIGHT AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committees:

4 Ag Hawaii **strongly supports** GM 522 & Confirmation of Scott Enright

Above all Scott is a man of integrity and character and is passionate for the responsible development of Hawaii agriculture in a manner consistent with the needs of all.

Since February 2012, Enright has served as deputy to BOA Chair Russell Kokubun. In that capacity, Enright was the administrator of the state Department of Agriculture (DOA) Divisions of Plant Industry and Agricultural Development, managed the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funding program, and directed Human Resources for the Office of the Chair. He has led initiatives to revitalize the state's livestock industry with special focus on developing dairy industry and grass-fed beef industry, and provided direction for improving infrastructure for irrigation systems statewide.

Active in the agriculture industry and community, he is a former chair and current *ex officio* member representing the DOA on the board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He has also served on the Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors for East Hawaii (2009-2010), during which he championed sustainable energy with emphasis on sustainable bioenergy fuel stock. In addition, he is a member of the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District, past chair of the Environmental Management Commission and past member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board.

4 Ag Hawaii is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established as a public-private partnership focused on goals that include: promoting the agricultural economic welfare of Hawai'i and its counties; conducting agricultural economic; educational & media programs, and fostering statewide interest for responsible agricultural economic development of our islands. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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## **GM522**

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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| David S. De Luz, Jr. | Kukaaiau Ranch< LLC | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: My name is David S. De Luz, Jr. and I am the Manager of Kukaiau Ranch on the Big Island, in the district of Hamakua. Our family has lived in the district of Hamakua since the late 1890's and has been in farming and/or ranching form then until now and having had the opportunity to personally work with Scott, believe that he is the person we need to lead the Dept of Ag. and STRONGLY support his nomination to be the new DOA Chari. Since February 2012, Scott has served as deputy to BOA Chair Russell Kokubun In that capacity, Enright was the administrator of the state Department of Agriculture (DOA) Divisions of Plant Industry and Agricultural Development, managed the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funding program, and directed Human Resources for the Office of the Chair. He also directed biosecurity programs, led initiatives to revitalize the state's livestock industry with special focus on developing dairy industry and grass-fed beef industry, and provided direction for improving infrastructure for irrigation systems statewide. Previously, Scott was a consultant for the Hawaii Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Project, project manager for the ITC Water Management Inc., cultivation and irrigation superintendent for Hamakua Sugar Company, and orchard superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics. Active in the agriculture industry and community, he is a former chair and current ex officio member representing the DOA on the board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He has also served on the Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors for East Hawaii (2009-2010), during which he championed sustainable energy with emphasis on sustainable bioenergy fuel stock. In addition, he is a member of the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District, past chair of the Environmental Management Commission, past member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, and founding president of the Ookala Community Association. Scott earned his bachelor's degrees in psychology and philosophy from the University of Hawaii at Hilo. • Has been working on efforts in collaboration with DOT to create biosecurity facilities at airports and ports of entry to reduce the likelihood of invasive species coming in to the islands and to preserve the integrity of our food system. • Spearheading food metrics project contract which will create and track the necessary data that will allow HDOA to have concrete numbers to which we can point to when discussing the amount of local food we are producing and where we are as far as food security and self-sustainability. This project is in conjunction with

Ulupono. • While with ADC until today Scott has refocused the Department's efforts on the Ka'u Irrigation systems to facilitate their transfer from DLNR to ADC and their ultimate use by local producers. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to submit my testimony in STRONS support of Scott to be appointed to be the new Chair of DOA. Respectfully, David S. De Luz, Jr. 808-895-4284 email: [djr@teamdeluz.com](mailto:djr@teamdeluz.com)

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## Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

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### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR**  
**SENATOR RONALD D. KOUCHI, VICE CHAIR**

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2014  
TIME: 2:45pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 229

### **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committees:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chairperson of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council strongly supports GM 522.

Scott Enright has been an effective friend and supporter of the Hawaii Cattle Industry and all of Agriculture. First as Chair of ADC, and for the past year as Deputy Director of HDOA, Scott has always lent a listening ear, is reliable on following up on what he says he will do, and has a clear vision of what needs to be done to move Hawaii Agriculture forward. Scott has the firm support of the farmers, ranchers and floral and nursery growers who collectively produce more than 80% of the agricultural products, including food, grown in Hawaii. Scott is intelligent, well spoken, very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and is of the highest integrity. Furthermore he is a nice guy.

As a past member of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture (8 years) I have a pretty good idea of what is needed in a new director and Scott is a great candidate.

Please support Mr. Enright's nomination.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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| Harry von Holt      | Ponoholo Ranch, Ltd | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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| John Morgan         | Kualoa Ranch        | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I strongly support Scott Enright's nomination as Chairman of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright is a level headed person, dedicated to supporting agriculture in Hawaii. We all need his leadership to ensure that Hawaii becomes better able to produce more of the food we consume here. Hawaii needs to be more food secure, and Mr. Enright is the right man for the job. Mahalo John Morgan

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**GM522**

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| John R. Gordines    | Hawaii Tropical Flowers & Foliage Assn. Kauai Chapter Inc. | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: On behalf of HTFFA Kauai we strongly support the appointment Of Scott Enright as Chairman of the HDOA. He is well qualified and will do his very best to promote Hawaii agriculture and the coexisting of all forms of agriculture. Mahalo

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February 21, 2014

TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF SCOTT ENRIGHT AS  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
FEBRUARY 27, 2014

Senator Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture:

My name is Tish Uyehara, Director of Marketing at Armstrong Produce. I also currently serve as the Chair of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). Scott and I were appointed to the ADC Board in 2011 and a few months after his appointment, Scott was called upon to serve as the Board Chair in a time of great change for ADC.

During that time, I came to know Scott as a good listener, a soft spoken but well -spoken individual who thinks through issues and presents his advocacy or disagreements in a calm and thoughtful manner. He takes into consideration all sides of an issue by asking tough questions before he determines what course of action he will take.

Scott has been a resident of Hawaii for over 25 years and has worked in agriculture for many of those years, on Kauai, Big Island, and Molokai. In his capacity as the Chair of the Department of Agriculture, he will be asked to juggle many issues facing agriculture, which require commitment and understanding of unique island needs to resolve.

In his recent capacity as Deputy to the Chair at the Department, Scott has been involved in many of the issues faced by different commodity groups and as demonstrated by his ability to bring about change and resolve conflicts, Scott will make a good, if not great, agriculture leader.

I think that he will be a strong advocate for agriculture but just being an advocate is not enough. Agriculture needs a leader who has specific goals and one who is willing to take risks, be innovative and action oriented to make those goals a reality.



I thank you for the opportunity to present my thoughts and ask that you confirm the nomination of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tish Uyehara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tish Uyehara

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| Mark Phillipson     | Syngenta Hawaii     | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: Scott Enright is an honorable and forthright person to lead the state of Hawaii into its next phase of agriculture. He knows the history of this state's agriculture and understands where the status of it is now and where it needs to be. His experience will provide the skill set the state needs to see the agricultural industry flourish in all forms. we strongly endorse and support this important nomination and confirmation. Mahalo, Mark Phillipson

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February 27, 2014

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 522  
SCOTT ENRIGHT  
CONSIDERATION & CONFIRMATION AS THE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chair Nishihara and committee members:

My name is Fred Perlak, I lead Monsanto's operations here in Hawaii and I support the nomination of Scott Enright to lead the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. My company provides full time employment for 1000 Hawaii residents and we are part of the Hawaii Seed Industry which is the largest component of today's Hawaii agriculture. It is important for the agricultural industry to have someone who is knowledgeable and supportive of all types of farming to lead the Department of Ag. Scott Enright is that person. I have found him to be a strong advocate of farming, supportive of a reasonable dialogue and capable of leading a large complex organization such as the Department of Agriculture. His recent focus on revitalizing the livestock industry is a good example of initiative and leadership.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Scott Enright. I feel he is an excellent candidate to lead agriculture in the State of Hawaii today and in the future.

Sincerely,

Frederick J. Perlak, Ph.D.  
Vice President, Research and Business Operations  
Monsanto, Hawaii



# Meadow Gold Dairies



GM 522 Scott Enright for Chairperson of Department of Agriculture  
Senate AGL Confirmation Hearing  
February 27, 2014  
2:45 pm: Room 229

Testimony by: Glenn Muranaka  
Position: Support

Senator Nishihara and Members of the Senate AGL Committee:

My name is Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—117 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 330 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

Through Meadow Gold Dairies' recent interaction with Mr. Enright, we find that he is straightforward and is very familiar with the dairy and livestock industry as well as broader agriculture issues. We express our confidence in his abilities to move Hawaii agriculture forward and look forward to working with him in his capacity as Director, Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Your support of Scott Enright's confirmation to the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture is requested. I can be reached at 944-5911 if you have any questions.



GM 522, Scott Enright  
For Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
Senate AGL Confirmation Hearing  
Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 – 2:45 pm  
Room 229

Testimony by: Jonathan Jefts

Position: Support

Sen. Nishihara and Members of the Senate AGL Committee:

My name is Jonathan Jefts, co-owner of Sugarland Growers, Inc. I was raised on Molokai and continue to manage our family farm on Molokai since the 70's, as well as co-manage our farms on Oahu.

I am writing in support of Mr. Enright for Department of Agriculture Chair. I first crossed paths with Mr. Enright back in the mid 90's. He was the job foreman working for ITC (Irrigation Technology Corporation) to install a new pipe line through central Molokai. The pipe easement ran through a one mile section of our family farm and plant nursery.

I found Mr. Enright to be very reasonable and willing to work around my needs as the farmer. He took the time to listen and understand how the ITC project would negatively affect our farm. We were able to work together to minimize the project's negative impacts on our farming operation.

We need leadership that is open minded, aware and willing to listen, particularly in light of the current divide on public opinion that faces Hawaii's agriculture community. I believe Mr. Enright is that leadership.

Hawaii agriculture community is made up of family farms, corporate farming, organic, conventional and biotech operations. We are dependent on one another to supply the islands with an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables for local consumption, whether all members of our farming community or the consuming public realize it. We need to maintain a sense of community, for no single farm can stand on its own.

Please support Scott Enright's confirmation for the Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. I can be reached at 688-2892 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

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GM 522, Scott Enright  
For Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
Senate AGL Confirmation Hearing  
Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 – 2:45 pm  
Room 229

Testimony by: Larry Jeffs

Position: Support

Sen. Nishihara and Members of the Senate AGL Committee:

My name is Larry Jeffs, co-owner of Sugarland Growers, Inc. I have been a farmer in Hawaii for more than 35 years and have been actively involved in organizations that support Hawaii's farmers.

I am writing in support of Scott Enright. I have known Mr. Enright for about 18 years. Throughout this time I have found him to be engaged and hardworking with a real desire to help all facets of Hawaii's agriculture community. When my family and I were first starting out as a small farm in Molokai, Mr. Enright took the time to listen to our concerns and review our farm to make it more water efficient.

His experience and training in conflict resolution are assets to Hawaii's agriculture community which is now fractured by divisiveness over different growing practices: traditional, biotechnology and organic. All types of farming practices are needed to optimize our State's ability to grow more food for local people.

Your support of Scott Enright for Chair of the Board of Agriculture is strongly urged. I can be reached at 688-2892 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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| Jeri Moniz          | KK Ranch            | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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To Chairperson Clarence Nishihara and Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee:

Pa'ina Hawaii is a commercial post-harvest quarantine treatment facility employing an underwater irradiator in Kunia for the treatment of fresh agricultural products for export to U.S. mainland and other markets.

We are well aware of the difficulty farmers in Hawaii are having with access to suitable lands for their production, with adequate long term land leases and water and infrastructure for the processing of crops and the safe storage of farm supplies and equipment. Growers in Hawaii, likewise, face new pests challenges each year that limit access to export markets and to this, challenges to crops and crop production systems of choice.

We strongly support the appointment of Mr. Scott Enright as the new Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture; his experience in the private sector with sugar, and work with ADC and currently with the HDOA as Deputy to Chairperson, provide Mr. Enright with a wealth of experience to take on the challenges of Chairmanship of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Hawaii needs a strong advocate for agriculture and growers in Hawaii. From our work experience with Mr. Enright, we foresee Mr. Enright taking on the duties and responsibilities of the chairmanship in a fair, sound and advocacy manner so important for the strong leadership needed in the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and in agriculture in Hawaii today.

Regards,

Michael Kohn  
President Pa'ina Hawaii  
Kunia, HI

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| Scott McFarland     | Kauai County Farm Bureau | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: Kauai County Farm Bureau STRONGLY SUPPORTS the confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT.

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February 23, 2014

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association (HAAA) **strongly supports the nomination of Scott Enright for confirmation as Chair of the Department of Agriculture.** Mr. Enright is intelligent and capable, with extensive experience as a manager of private and public agricultural initiatives. In his term as deputy chair, he has shown himself to be accessible, willing to listen and act upon farmers' concerns, and committed to the future of Hawaii's agriculture and aquaculture.

Mr. Enright's leadership has been evident in several areas: expanding biosecurity programs, leading initiatives to expand the State's livestock industry, improving irrigation systems and facilitating their transfer from DLNR to ADC, encouraging the development of sustainable bioenergy, and compiling data necessary to track the progress of Hawaii's food security initiatives. He has also been a community leader in his home district of Hamakua. We feel that he is an excellent choice for Chair of the Department of Agriculture, and urge you to confirm his nomination.

Sincerely,

David Walfish  
Vice President  
Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association



**Testimony to the Board of Agriculture  
Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

RE: **Support For GM522** – Confirmation of Appointment of Scott Enright to the position of Chairperson – Department of Agriculture

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Board Members:

Greenwell Farms is a coffee farming, processing, and marketing company in Kona, Hawaii. We export Kona Coffee to locations in Europe, across the Mainland, USA, and all around the Pacific Rim. For decades, we have relied upon the coffee produced by many farmers in North and South Kona to supply us with the highest quality coffee.

We ask that you confirm Mr. Scott Enright as the newly appointed Chairperson for the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright has demonstrated that he is capable of taking on this position. We are confident that he will serve the needs of all sectors in the Hawaii Agricultural industries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Thomas F. Greenwell, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Hicks', is positioned above the printed name.

Steve Hicks, CFO



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Senator Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Kouchi, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION  
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: February 27, 2014  
TIME: 2:45pm  
PLACE: Conference Room 229

RE: GM 522

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Enright brings a wealth of agricultural experience to this position, having worked on the Big Island developing innovative agricultural technologies for Condon Technologies, LLC and overseeing cultivation and irrigation for the Hamakua Sugar Company. On Oahu and Molokai, he also oversaw the planning and construction of several water line projects for ITC Water Management, Inc. and served as their Community Liaison on Molokai. Mr. Enright has also worked on Kauai overseeing 500-acre orchard for Kilauea Agronomics.

Mr. Enright's service to the State and to his community in on the Big Island are evident though his membership in numerous boards and community organizations such as the and the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for Hamakua District, the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, the O'okala Community Association. Mr. Enright's service at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture has given him valuable insight into the inner workings of the agency. While serving as the Administrator of both the Plant Industry Division and the Agricultural Development Division, Mr. Enright oversaw the administration of the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, which helps Hawaii farmers produce new high-value crops for export and find new crops to increase our food security.

Most recently, Mr. Enright served as the Deputy to the Chair of the Board of Agriculture where he shepherded projects to revitalize Hawaii's livestock industry and used his knowledge of irrigation infrastructure to direct improvements to the State's irrigation systems. Since his interim appointment, Mr. Enright has been working to prevent the entry of invasive species by collaborating with other State and Federal agencies to create

biosecurity facilities as the major ports of entry and partnering with local agricultural organizations to address our food security and food safety issues.

Mr. Enright's diverse experiences in the agricultural industry and his proven leadership abilities make him an ideal candidate to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and I am pleased to support the confirmation of Scott Enright.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 27, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
TESTIMONY ON GM 522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of  
Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Room 229  
2:45 pm

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture:

My name is Ron Weidenbach, Co-Owner of Hawaii Fish Company, a small family aquaculture farm on the North Shore of Oahu and now the oldest commercial fish farm in Hawaii. My wife, Estralita, and I strongly support the Governor's nomination of Scott Enright as Chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA).

It has been our personal experience and observation in interacting with Mr. Enright since his appointment as Deputy Director of HDOA, that he understands, cares about, and strongly supports small farmers like us, and Hawaii Agriculture in general. We have always found him to be a calm, intelligent, and collaborative leader and administrator who takes the time to meet with Hawaii agricultural industry members to listen to and learn about their industry issues, that he considers and evaluates all sides of issues before making fair and reasonable decisions, and that he follows through on his commitments to help Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.

Having previously worked Hawaii's lands, as he did with Hamakua Sugar, Mr. Enright has a firsthand understanding of the many challenges and issues faced by Hawaii agriculture. And by his actions to date as Deputy Director and Acting Chair of HDOA, he has clearly demonstrated his commitment to the betterment of the Hawaii Agriculture industry and his concern for small farmers like us. As such, Mr. Enright has clearly earned our lifelong respect, and my wife and I wholeheartedly support his nomination as the next Chair of HDOA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Enright's nomination.



Ronald P. Weidenbach  
Co-Owner, Hawaii Fish Company





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## TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**GM 522**

### Confirmation of the Board of Agriculture Chairperson Scott Enright

**February 27, 2014**

Chairman Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am Executive Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center and our research and support staff.

HARC strongly supports the Confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

Scott is a strong supporter of the entire agriculture community focusing on the success of agriculture statewide. Agriculture represents a very broad spectrum of producer businesses as well as its necessary support infrastructure. It is about cooperating for the success of the entire production system; it is not about picking winners and/or losers. Agriculture is about plants to products; about research to restaurants; about farm to fork! It is about an abundance of diversity in jobs, careers and life styles.

IT IS NOT

Traditional **OR** Biotech

Commodity crops **OR** Specialty crops

Conventional methods **OR** Organic

Organic **OR** Sustainable

Natural **OR** GMO

Pasture **OR** Forestry

Renewables **OR** Food

Oahu **OR** Outer Island

Farmer **OR** Estate

Pasture **OR** Biofuel

This is what some are attempting to lead you to believe; that it must be one or the other. **THAT SIMPLY IS NOT TRUE!**

All the above have shared challenges and shared responsibilities to resolve these challenges! Land/water/labor/financing/market availability face all of agriculture. There are also challenges in transportation, the environment, research needs and last but not least public awareness and

communications. These challenges include less resources, a changing structure of the industry, increasing regulations, more crops to support, quarantine issues, invasive species, the list is endless.

We cannot be wasting our limited energy and resources dealing with philosophical differences that can and are being dealt with in the marketplace. Our collective energies need to focus on priorities that can improve the chances for a viable agricultural sector in Hawaii.

There is no doubt that Scott Enright will provide the necessary leadership and vision to improve agriculture's contribution to the state's economy as well as to help in maintaining the beauty of its landscapes through productive agriculture operations. Scott will work with the entire agricultural sector to enable opportunities for its many facets to grow into a viable industry within the state.

**Please confirm Scott Enright's appointment as Chairperson for the Board of Agriculture.**

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| Gloria Biven        | Royal Kona Coffee Visitor Center Mill & Museum | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Please accept this testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 522 for Scott Enright's confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture Thank you in advance.... Gloria Biven Royal Kona Coffee Visitor Center Mill & Museum

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| Jim Wayman          | Hawaii Coffee Assoc | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: Please accept this testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 522 for Scott Enright's confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture The committee(s) on AGL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-27-14 2:45PM in conference room 229. Scott Enright is an experienced agricultural executive who possesses much hands on agricultural experience in Hawaii. Scott is a great listener who treats everyone with respect and dignity. We need a man like Scott Enright overseeing Hawaii agriculture. Thank you, Jim Wayman

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HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON GM 522

Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
SCOTT ENRIGHT.

Room 229  
2:45 pm

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,832 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**Hawaii Farm Bureau stands in strong support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Scott Enright to serve as the Chair of the Department of Agriculture.**

Mr. Enright's experience is well documented.

I have known Scott Enright for several years. Throughout that time I have known him to be a man of trust, honor and integrity. He is knowledgeable of the administration of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture; having served as Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Chair and Deputy Director of the Department. He is mindful of the challenges before modern agricultural producers and related businesses, and his experience is rooted in the history of Hawaii's agriculture.

I have found Scott to be energetic, experienced, capable, competent, accessible and responsive. He is an excellent listener and always asks the right questions. I believe if he accomplishes only half of what he attempts, our industries and our state will be far stronger. Scott supports all forms of agriculture, as we do.

I have seen him in far corners of the state working tirelessly to help agricultural producers. I have found his advice to be sound and his word true. I have seen him jumpstart stalled projects and find solutions to problems, new and old. I have seen him build bridges across gaps that were thought to be too wide to span.

We need sound and surefooted leadership at the Department of Agriculture. Scott Enright is that person.

**Thank you for confirming Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.**

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| Raymond Foster      | Molokai Farm Bureau | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Honorable Chair and Committee Members, I am writing as the President of the Molokai Farm Bureau to express our support for the appointment of Scott Enright to Chairman of the Board of Agriculture. I have known Scott for a number of years during his distinguished and productive career in Hawaii Agriculture. He is well known to be an impartial, calm and effective leader, particularly in the face of unsettling controversy within our industry. Please approve Scott's appointment to the Chairmanship. Respectfully submitted, Ray Foster

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February 25, 2014

To: Senate Committee on Agriculture:  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

RE: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM522**  
Confirmation of Scott Enright as Chair of the Department of Agriculture

The Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association and our 120 members **strongly support** the confirmation of Scott Enright as Chair of the Department of Agriculture.

Since February 2012, Enright has served as deputy to BOA Chair Russell Kokubun. In that capacity, Enright was the administrator of the state Department of Agriculture (DOA) Divisions of Plant Industry and Agricultural Development, managed the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funding program, and directed Human Resources for the Office of the Chair. He also directed biosecurity programs, led initiatives to revitalize the state's livestock industry with special focus on developing dairy industry and grass-fed beef industry, and provided direction for improving infrastructure for irrigation systems statewide.

Active in the agriculture industry and community, he is a former chair and current ex officio member representing the DOA on the board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He has also served on the Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors for East Hawaii, during which he championed sustainable energy with emphasis on sustainable bioenergy fuel stock. In addition, he is a member of the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District, past chair of the Environmental Management Commission, past member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, and founding president of the Ookala Community Association.

While with ADC until today, Scott has refocused the Department's efforts on the Ka'u irrigation systems to facilitate their transfer from DLNR to ADC and their ultimate use by local producers.

**The Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association supports Scott Enright for Chair of the Department of Agriculture.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Holly Kessler'.

Holly Kessler, Operations Manager  
Hawaii Food Manufacturers Association

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| james Kimo Falconer | Hawaii Coffee Growers Assn | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Aloha committee members: Scott Enright is a long-standing experienced member of the Hawaii agricultural community. His experience in agriculture is the will bring the type of leadership this industry needs. Please support his nomination. Mahalo James Kimo Falconer, Presudent, Hawaii Coffee Growers Assn.

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| Roger Kaiwi         | Kona Coffee Council | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: The Kona Coffee Council is in strong support of Scott. We strongly urge you to confirm him. Roger Kaiwi

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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on  
Agriculture

By: David J. Bissell  
President & CEO  
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Thursday, February 27, 2014, 2:45pm  
Conference Room # 229

**Governor's Message 522 – Consideration and confirmation of SCOTT ENRIGHT as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture**

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair; Roland D. Kouchi, Vice-Chair and members  
of the Committee:

On behalf of Kauai Island Utility Cooperative ("KIUC"), I am pleased to submit testimony in  
strong support for the confirmation of Scott Enright as chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

In our dealings with Mr. Enright in his position as a deputy in the Department of Agriculture, we  
have been impressed with his knowledge of Kauai and his commitment to renewable energy  
efforts.

Mr. Enright has taken the time to understand the unique nature of KIUC as the only member-  
owned electric cooperative in the State of Hawaii and the only electric utility serving the people  
of Kauai.

Mr. Enright's experience in agriculture, his accessibility and his open-mindedness speak to his  
capability as an administrator. We look forward to working with Mr. Enright and the department  
on projects that can benefit the people of Kauai.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

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| Dean J. Okimoto     | Individual          | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: my name is Dean J.Okimoto, President of Nalo Farms, Inc., and I am testifying in STRONG support of Scott Enright's appointment as Chair of the Dept. of Agriculture for the State of Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of working with Scott the past two years, when he was the Deputy to the Chair, and always found him willing to help farmers in the advancement of agriculture. anytime I needed information from the Dept,when I was serving as the President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, I would go to Scott, and he always was supportive and responsive to our requests. I believe that one conversation that I had with him may illustrate his passion and commitment to the Agricultural industry. In that conversation, I asked Scott why he was doing this job, as I realized the challenges and the work involved in the position, and he said that he wanted to make a difference for agriculture and that his job was to help farmers become successful and viable in the industry. It wasn't to put roadblocks in our way, but help them cope with the challenges and to maneuver through roadblocks so they could be successful! It made a strong impression on me that, someone in his position knew how hard it was to be a farmer, and that going forward we would need a lot of help to grow the industry. He did say that he couldn't help with making sure the weather was always good! Even though this job can be overwhelming at times, I believe Scott has the attitude that all agriculture is good agriculture for the state, and I have not found anyone else who tries as hard as Scott, to not only understand the industry, but to be cooperative and try to bring all segments of agriculture together. This is what the industry really needs going forward. In all, I believe Scott has the passion and commitment to the industry, as well as the cooperative nature to be successful as the Chair of the Dept. of Agriculture.

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Hawaii State Legislature

Senate committee on Agriculture

Testimony in support of Governors's Message #522

Confirming the nomination of Scott E. Enright

Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 Room #229

Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

My name is Frederick Lau, I am the owner of Hawaiian Landscape Company, Makakilo Nursery and Maris Gardens and would like to extend my full support for the nomination of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

Scott has been a strong supporter of Agriculture and Aquaculture development in Hawaii. His support for aquaculture in particular and understanding the potential this sector has for the future economy of our islands is needed in our agricultural leadership.

His leadership capabilities demonstrated as the HDOA Deputy have been outstanding. I believe his managerial skills fill the criteria needed for the HDOA to rebuild, gain a new identity and play a positive role in the future development of Agriculture in Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to testify on the behalf of Scott Enright. As a business owner and member of the agricultural community I feel that he is the right person to chair the HDOA and help grow the diversified components of Hawaii agriculture.

Mahalo;

Frederick Lau

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| Clyde Fukuyama      | Matsuda-Fukuyama Farms, Inc., Kahuku Farmers, Inc. Kahuku Farms, Inc. | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: We are in strong support of Scott Enright to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. He understands the issues of agriculture in Hawaii and we know that he will work with us to find solutions to support our growth. Thank for the opportunity to support Scott Enright.

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Hearing: Thursday, February 27, 2014 – 2:45PM; Conference Room 229

**Re: GM22 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT.**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the State Department of Agriculture.

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company (HC&S), the state's largest farm with 36,000 acres under active cultivation, has had the opportunity to work with Mr. Enright in his capacity as the Deputy Director of the State Department of Agriculture and during his tenure as interim Chairperson. We have found him to be a thoughtful listener and effective advocate for farmers, large and small, with an ability to collaborate with stakeholders statewide.

Recently, Scott aided the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts to secure emergency funding for the preparation of required conservation plans. This was a matter that affected farmers, ranchers, landowners and County governments throughout the state. During this time, he exhibited responsive and decisive leadership.

Scott's integrity and collaborative style, coupled with his direct experience in agriculture and familiarity with statewide issues, position him well to lead the State's efforts to ensure that agriculture remains an important economic and social driver in this state. On behalf of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. and our family of companies across Hawaii, thank you for the opportunity to support Scott Enright's appointment as the Chair of the State Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Meredith J. Ching

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting G.M. 522 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Enright  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
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*The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.*

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The Nature Conservancy supports the confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

We have worked with Mr. Enright over the last two years in his capacity as deputy director of the Department of Agriculture, in particular on issues related to invasive species and biosecurity. We have found that his background and experience in agriculture, energy, water management, and sustainability gives him a solid appreciation for the interconnected nature of Hawaii's lands, waters, agriculture, economy, and quality of life. We have also appreciated the emphasis he has placed on working together across government agencies and with business and non-governmental partners to achieve common goals for the sustainability and resilience of Hawai'i. One example of this has been the leadership role he has played together with Department of Transportation, the private sector, and non-governmental partners to identify solutions and develop and negotiate a plan for better inspection and quarantine facilities at Honolulu, Hilo and Kona airports. We believe Mr. Enright will continue to bring this same experience, perspective, and collaborative nature to the Chairperson's role and in leading the Department of Agriculture's multifaceted mandate in support of Hawaii's economy, quality of life, and unique environment.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our views in support of Mr. Enright's confirmation.

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**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 522: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.**

**Testimony in Support**

**By Glenn K. Y. Hong**

**President, Young Brothers, Limited**

**February 27, 2014, 2:45 pm, Conference Room 229**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 522 concerning Governor Abercrombie's nomination of **Scott Enright** as **Chair of the Board of Agriculture** of the State of Hawaii (**Board**). **I submit this testimony in support of Mr. Enright's nomination.**

Mr. Enright's professional history demonstrates his commitment to agricultural development and food sustainability. Since February 2012, he has served as Deputy Director of the Hawai'i State Department of Agriculture (**DOA**). Representing the DOA, Mr. Enright also sits as an *ex officio* member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation board, which he once chaired. In addition, Mr. Enright is collaborating with the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation to create bio-security facilities at airports and other ports of entry to reduce the likelihood of invasive species introduction into the State and to maintain the integrity of Hawai'i's food system. In conjunction with the Ulupono Initiative, he is leading a food metrics project, aimed at producing concrete data on local food production and on Hawai'i's status with respect to food security and self-sustainability. He is currently a member of the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District.

During 2009 to 2010, serving on the Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors for East Hawai'i, Mr. Enright was a champion of sustainable energy, emphasizing sustainable bio-energy fuel stock. He has also consulted with the Hawai'i Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Project, and served as project manager for ITC Water Management Inc., cultivation and irrigation superintendent for Hamakua Sugar Company, and orchard superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics. In addition, he has served as chair of the Environmental Management Commission, was a member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, and was the founding president of the Ookala Community Association.

Mr. Enright has proven himself to be collaborative, insightful, and focused on agricultural development and food sustainability. For these reasons, we respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination to chair the Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on and support Governor's Message 52.



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| Warren Watanabe     | Maui County Farm Bureau | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: MCFB supports the nomination of Mr. Scott Enright as Chairman of the Department of Agriculture. Agriculture is under siege and we need a leader that is able and willing to advocate on behalf of the industry. Mr. Enright has expressed a willingness to take on this challenge. Farmers and ranchers are faced with numerous challenges, some of which can be managed by State policy. The State has increased self sufficiency and sustainability as goals, yet proposed laws and regulations often seem contradictory. An advocate within the administration that can communicate the needs of agriculture to achieve the state's goal is critical. We look forward to working with Mr. Enright in partnership to solve our many challenges to grow agriculture that we all want for our families and the future of Hawaii.

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## TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

2:45 P.M.

STATE CAPITOL - ROOM 229

### **RE: GM 522, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBANATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

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Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Kouchi, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **strongly supports**, GM 522, submitting for consideration and confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture. Deputy Enright is very qualified to assume this role.

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For these reasons, we respectfully request this Committee's favorable consideration of GM 522.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our **strong support**.



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GM 522: Relating to Confirmation, Chairperson Board of Agriculture  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, February 27, 2014  
Conference Room 229 at 2:45 p.m.

**Position: Support confirmation** of Scott Enright as Chairman, Board of Agriculture.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture,

We support the nomination of Scott Enright to become Chairman of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture, as noted in the Governor's Message 522. Mr. Enright has been engaged with sustainable agriculture initiatives, helping Hawaii's farmers and ranchers, and has the experience with Hawaii's diversified agriculture we would want to see in a nominee for the Chairman of the Department of Agriculture.

As Deputy for Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Mr. Enright has taken the time to attend and participate in many agriculture events where he has direct contact with a broad range of Hawaii's farmers, gaining an understanding of the potential as well as the needs of the agriculture community. Scott has taken the time to speak at agriculture conferences and meetings and make himself available to anyone interested in talking with him. Mr. Enright has demonstrated support and dedication for all sectors of Hawaii agriculture from small organic farms supplying local farmers markets, to dairy and beef operations, to 4-H and FFA, to larger farming operations. We are pleased to see the interest Mr. Enright has shown in agriculture education, careers in agriculture, and increasing understanding of farming amongst the general public.

Scott Enright has a long history working in many areas of Hawaii agriculture, preparing him well to take on the role of Chairman for the Department of Agriculture. DuPont Pioneer supports confirmation of Mr. Enright by the Senate Committee on Agriculture

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this appointment.



GM522 – Testimony Comments

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February 27, 2014

Submitted by: Scott I. Murray, President – Able Freight Services, Inc.

Confirmation of Scott Enright

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

Able Freight Services, Inc. has been working with Mr. Enright and Mr. Fuchigami of the Hawaii Department of Transportation Airports Division for transitional facilities at the Honolulu International Airport and Kona International Airport since 2012. However, Able Freight's first meeting was held in November 2011 with then Agriculture Vice Chair Nakatani and Mr. Fuchigami as related to a "Transitional Ag Facility" on the airport. With changes in the Agriculture Vice Chair, Mr. Enright became involved with the "Transitional/Biosecurity" program and within this period Mr. Enright has made a decision to **STOP** all transitional facilities, existing and planned, and to limit the inspection of incoming commodities to **ONE** Biosecurity inspection facility at the Airport. We at Able Freight support the State's Biosecurity program and would like to continue the working relationship with Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) staff. The transitional facility program has been an element in the Biosecurity program since its inception circa 2005, and accepted by the HDOA in the past with support from the previous HDOA administration and provides a balance of quarantine inspection and food safety requirements all while protecting the State from invasive species.

Therefore, we have concerns as to Mr. Enright's understanding of the Biosecurity program, transitional facilities, and his motives. Based on Mr. Enright's concept of no transitional facilities and only **ONE** inspection facility on the Airport the following impacts may occur:

- A monopoly on the inspection and handling of perishable commodities entering Hawaii to a private entity that would be operating the facility;
- Higher commodity prices to the Hawaii residents due to additional handling charges, that could be anywhere from 10% to 300% depending on the commodity and fee structure;
- Release of confidential business information to the private entity operating the facility;
- Larger building footprint and higher operating costs for the one Biosecurity facility on the airport, versus, the building footprint and operating costs if the transitional facility program was combined;
- Increased potential for damage and exposure of perishable commodities that are required to be handled in a food safe manner; and
- Under what statute authority does the HDOA have the right to force an importer or air cargo operator, or airlines to use a third party vendor to handle their perishable cargo.



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In addition, there has been a delay or lack of response to our plans for our Kona facility that were submitted to Mr. Enright on December 11th, 2013, and we have our Honolulu plans available for approval so that we may begin manufacturing the special cold storage rooms. Therefore, the air cargo and airline industry has pushed for an amicable resolution of the Biosecurity facility issue, (to allow on-port Biosecurity and or transitional facilities and off-port transitional facilities), but there were no stakeholder meetings until recently. The first meeting with a limited group of air cargo and airline representatives was held in October 2013. And, similar meeting in November, December and February, 2014. Mr. Enright has not made any formal decision since then on the Biosecurity/transitional facility program and has stated that it may take 2 months to 2 years for a decision. We feel that the transitional program provides a means to allow multiple facilities that are cost effective and an efficient program to inspect incoming perishable commodities and to allow the entities involved to meet current and new food safety requirements while protecting the State from invasive species.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this important matter.

**From:** [Clark Hashimoto](#)  
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**Subject:** Confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 26, 2014 8:08:30 AM

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Honorable Senators:

This is a letter of support for Scott Enright as Chairperson for the Hawaii Board of Agriculture. With his experience, he will continue to strengthen the agriculture. We need a leader like Scott Enright to lead agriculture in these difficult times to take us to the next level. Again, I strongly support Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Clark Hashimoto  
Manager  
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The Senate  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Committee on Agriculture  
February 17, 2:45 p.m.  
Room 229

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters on GM 522, the  
Confirmation of Scott Enright, Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters believes Gubernatorial Nominee Scott should be confirmed as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright will bring the agricultural background that is clearly needed to move our State towards the goal of sustainability and increased self-sufficiency. There is a clear need for an individual familiar with the many facets of agriculture, ranging from cultivation to processing, to financing, marketing, training, etc.

Rather than general wishes for lands to be left vacant for possible agricultural use, Hawaii needs a Department to develop the infrastructure and support for viable farming. Mr. Enright's knowledge of the many challenges facing farmers, will serve this purpose well.

Mr. Enright's initiatives in fields such as agricultural technology and dispute resolution will provide added resources, given changing views, demographics and interest in agriculture.

Thank you for considering our evaluation of the nominee.





## Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth

**In Support of GM 522 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Enright**

### **Senate Committee on Agriculture**

27 February 2014, 2:45pm  
Conference Room 229

Audrey Newman  
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Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) **to support the confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.**

HGG is a multi-sector partnership committed to achieving a resilient, sustainable Hawai'i. We bring leaders from the energy, food and environmental sectors together to achieve Hawai'i's sustainability goals and to be a model for building a green economy. HGG's members include more than 80 leaders and advisors from government, business and non-profit organizations.

Mr. Enright understands the importance of working across sectors to achieve Hawai'i's agriculture and food security goals. He has provided strategic leadership on many key initiatives as Deputy Director for Department of Agriculture, including biosecurity and invasive species, agricultural infrastructure and local beef and dairy production. He also brings valuable direct experience in related areas essential to long-term agriculture that require informed collaboration -- water management, renewable energy and biofuels. He has built effective strategic partnerships to address the state's critical need for useful metrics to track progress on increasing food production. He is well respected by a broad cross-section of the government agencies, non-governmental organizations, farmers, businesses and others essential to this work. He also would be an excellent addition and Co-Chair for the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council.

The Department of Agriculture is a key partner to help achieve one of Hawai'i Green Growth's sustainability targets to double local food production by 2030. We welcome the opportunity to work with Mr. Enright as Chair after his confirmation.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audrey Newman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Audrey Newman**

Senior Advisor, Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG)

*Bringing leaders together to achieve sustainability in Hawai'i & be a model for a green economy.*



# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 2:45 P.M.  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

**RE: GM 522 Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson  
of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

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

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **strongly supports** the Governor's nomination of Scott Enright to serve as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Enright boasts an impressive background with several critical projects throughout the island chain. From developing innovative agricultural technologies on the Big Island with Condon Technologies, LLC and overseeing cultivation and irrigation for the Hamakua Sugar Company, Mr. Enright was also involved with overseeing a 500-acre orchard at Kilauea Agronomics on Kauai. In addition, he was tasked with the planning and construction of several water line projects for ITC Water Management, Inc. on Oahu and Molokai.

In addition to offering a wealth of agricultural experience, Mr. Enright also proves he is deeply rooted in the community. He is an active member of many organizations such as the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for Hamakua District, the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, and the O'okala Community Association. As Administrator to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's Plant Industry Division and Agricultural Development Division, Mr. Enright worked to help Hawaii farmers produce new high-value crops for export as well as find new crops to increase our food industry through the administration of the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

Mr. Enright's extensive work in numerous aspects of the agricultural industry makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this nominee.



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February 26, 2014

**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014  
2:45 P.M.  
STATE CAPITOL - ROOM 229**

**RE: GM 522, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBANATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

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For these reasons, we respectfully request this Committee's favorable consideration of GM 522.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our **strong support**.

Regards,



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**GM522**

Submitted on: 2/26/2014

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| Submitted By     | Organization        | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Colehour Bondera | KANALANI OHANA FARM | Support            | No                 |

Comments: Aloha Chair Nishihara and Agricultural Committee Members: As a farmer in Honaunau on Hawaii Island it is with pleasure that I offer my support for your consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT. While he and I have backgrounds and views that are different on many topics and in many ways, it has been with honor that I have worked with Mr. Enright regarding broad issues such as faced by attendees at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) meeting in Virginia for the whole Department of Agriculture, as well as more focused topics such as meeting needs of organic producers in Hawaii or the realities of Kona coffee farmer survival in the state. Through all of these topics and processes and associated meetings, Mr. Enright has continually been willing to listen to input, has provided strategic thoughts and asked vital questions in terms of how farmers can and should survive and succeed. Mr. Enright understands that without successful farmers, Hawaii agriculture cannot survive. The willingness of Mr. Enright to work across topics and stay true to both mission and vision of the Department of Agriculture has been energizing for me. Further, the fact that he listens and doesn't back away when questions come up mean that while we might not agree with conclusions, that Mr. Enright is not only willing to be at the table, but is also willing to be sure that the range of voices is at the table when a decision is being made. For this last reason, I was willing to agree to serve of the Good Agricultural Practices Task Force as an organic farmer representative, so that the advice therein created had a range of perspectives and recognizes that diverse agricultural views (and systems) are critical when setting (or trying to affect) policy at the Departmental level. This said, I encourage you to approve this nomination without hesitation. Sincerely, Colehour Bondera KANALANI OHANA FARM

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To: Senate Committee on Agriculture:  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair

RE: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM522**  
Confirmation of Scott Enright as Chair of the Department of Agriculture

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While the coffee borer beetle is threatening the livelihood of many of our state's coffee farmers, Scott has helped our company provide tea to some growers as an alternative crop to help offset their losses and stay in operations.

I believe Scott's expertise, experience in and understanding of our state's agriculture industry is a big benefit. Plus, Scott has been on the job and in the department which would make this transition seamless.

It is for these reasons that I urge you to also **strongly support** Scott Enright for Chair of the Hawai'i State Department of Agriculture.

Aloha pumehana,

Byron Goo  
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Aloha pumehana,

Byron Goo  
CEO





January 22, 2014

**Re: Strong Support for Scott Enright as Chair of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture**

Aloha Hawai'i State Senators and Representatives,

We appreciate Russell Kokubun's work towards the New Day in Agriculture during his time heading the Department of Agriculture. As he has just announced that he is leaving his position, we would like to recommend that you appoint Scott Enright, the current Deputy Chair, as Russell Kokubun's successor.

We have worked with Scott Enright over the last several years on diversified agriculture projects and feel he understands agriculture and farmers in Hawaii. He has been out in the community listening to farmers, finding ways to remove obstacles from their paths and projects.

With our program, the Laulima Center for Cooperative and Agricultural Business Development, we work around the state with diverse groups of farmers. This year, as we mounted agricultural workshops and conferences in Food Business Basics, the Emerging Venison Industry, and Growing Organics, Scott Enright found a way to have people in his department attend and provide regulatory assistance to these industries. When we write federal grants for cooperative and agricultural clients, Scott Enright adds his support. He has worked on developing the cooperatives, water rights and infrastructure for the Ka'u Ag Water Cooperative District. Scott Enright makes state government work with the agricultural community.

Scott Enright is listening to current issues, responding quickly, and has his eye on a viable future for Hawai'i agriculture. Please confirm him as Chair of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Matthews M. Hamabata, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



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### TESTIMONY OF HAWAII LECET CLYDE T. HAYASHI - DIRECTOR

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014, 2:45 P.M.  
STATE CAPITOL - ROOM 229

#### RE: GM 522, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBANATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Kouchi, and members of the Committee:

My name is Clyde T. Hayashi, and I am the Director of Hawaii LECET. Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers Union, Local 368, and its unionized contractors.

We **strongly support** GM 522, submitting for consideration and confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture (DOA). We believe Mr. Enright is more than qualified to be the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

As deputy to the DOA Chairperson, Mr. Enright has served as the administrator for the DOA Divisions of Plant Industry and Agricultural Development since 2012. In addition to his duties as DOA administrator, he also managed the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funding program, directed biosecurity programs, led initiatives to revitalize the state's livestock industry and provided direction for improving infrastructure for irrigation systems statewide.

Mr. Enright's background as a former consultant for the Hawaii Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Project, project manager for ITC Water Management Inc., cultivation and irrigation superintendent for Hamakua Sugar Company, and orchard superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics, will enable him to provide insight and a fresh perspective to the many issues currently facing the Agricultural industry. I personally know people who have worked with him and they have high regard for him.

Recently, Mr. Enright has been working with the Department of Transportation to create biosecurity facilities at airports and ports of entry to reduce the likelihood of invasive species coming in to the islands. He has more than sufficient experience and qualifications, has been actively involved in the community and has shown a commitment to sustaining and supporting agriculture in Hawaii. For these reasons, we respectfully request this Committee's favorable consideration of GM 522.

On behalf of our members and contractors who view food sustainability and food security for our island home as critical, we see Mr. Enright as a person who can lead the DOA as it addresses the key question...how do we feed our people?

Mahalo for the opportunity to express our **strong support** for Mr. Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture.

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**GM522**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>                                    | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Paul Eguires        | Hawaii State 4-H<br>Livestock 4-H Council<br>President | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Dear, Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture: My name is Paul Eguires and I am want to express to you that I am strongly in support of the Governor's nomination of Scott Enright to serve as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Enright's service to the State of Hawaii and to his community on the Big Island are evident through his numerous community interactions, diverse knowledge in agriculture with State and Federal agencies, and proven relationship with Hawaii's Agricultural Industry. His abilities make him an ideal candidate to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and I am pleased to confirm my strong support of Scott Enright nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to express my testimony and support of this nominee, Paul Eguires

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| Hwa (Jun) Chung,<br>CEO | HQ Inc. dba Aloha<br>Products | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: As a 20+ year local wholesaler and distributor of fresh vegetables and fruits, I am pleased to strongly support gubernatorial nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

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| Anthony B. Borge    | RMA Sales           | Comments Only             | No                        |

Comments: Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Kouchi, and members of the Committee, My name is Anthony Borge and I strongly support GM 522, submitting for consideration and confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture. Scott Enright possesses much more than the requisite qualifications with a proven track record and is extensively involved in the grass roots of the community. He is an asset to sustaining agriculture in Hawaii. Thank you. Respectfully submitted by: Anthony Borge

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**Testimony in Support of GM 522 – Scott Enright, Gubernatorial Nominee**

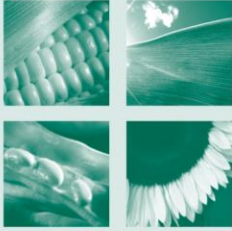
Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the multi-agency/NGO partnership CGAPS (Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species), I respectfully request your support of Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Enright for the Chair of the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture. As Deputy, Mr. Enright worked closely with several groups, including CGAPS, to address invasive species issues. Mr. Enright has shown that he is a dedicated, hands-on, and effective leader, with a clear sense of direction for the department and the state.

I firmly believe that Scott Enright is the best choice to lead the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, and ask that you please confirm Mr. Enright to the Chair. Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to share the CGAPS perspective.

Aloha,

Christy Martin  
Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS)  
Ph: (808) 722-0995



# Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii*

Testimony from Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director

In strong support of

GMM-522 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Senate Committee on Agriculture  
February 27, 2013, 2:45 p.m., room 229

Aloha Chair Nishihara and members of the committee,

My name is Alicia Maluafiti, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and we are in strong support of the appointment of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Dept. of Agriculture.

Scott's greatest strength is his deep roots in Hawaii's agricultural community. Regardless of what you grow or how you grow it, he is a friend to Hawaii farmers. As Deputy Director, he was proactive in addressing the needs of farmers by often reaching out to discuss challenges and offer solutions even when the state department had little ability to change direction. He has been responsive, open and accessible and has improved the credibility and integrity of the office through his extensive experience, education and knowledge of agriculture.

Ensuring the viability of all of agriculture in Hawaii is a noble and honorable mission. Scott's rich history in the field working side by side with farmers has earned him their trust and more importantly their friendship. Deep at heart is a collective desire to ensure the future of agriculture and support the strategies to achieve a diversified approach to addressing our state's greatest challenges. Scott, as well as his entire department, has experienced the greatest reduction in force, so they have found it necessary to work more efficiently through collaboration and exploration.

Regardless of the politically correct and even popular decision, Scott Enright will always put the needs of the farmer first. From organic to conventional to biotech, whether its fresh fruit, florals or nursery crops, he will be Hawaii's greatest advocate of agriculture. We look forward to his leadership and vision as the Chair of the State Board of Agriculture.

Mahalo for your consideration of Scott Enright's appointment.

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# Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Seventh Legislature, 2014  
State of Hawaii

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Chair Nishihara,  
Vice Chair Kouchi

TESTIMONY ON GM 522

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the  
Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

Room 229  
2:45 pm  
February 27, 2014

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 300 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

We respectively would like to express our concern over the selection of Mr. Enright for the Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. One of the important questions we asked Mr. Enright earlier this year was to express his vision or thoughts on the Plant Quarantine's biosecurity program and its future. We have yet to receive an answer that allows us to understand how the biosecurity program will move forward in a timely matter. We do have a new Plant Industry Administrator in Mr. Riemer and this in another position that is filled that is a new individual that we have no past experience with. Our industry needs assurances that matters will be dealt with and implemented.

We have these questions due to the industry noticing that the implementation of the proposed biosecurity projects came to a halt in 2012, coincidentally months after the appointment of Mr. Enright to the Deputy Chairperson. These projects were funded by the Legislature but not implemented. These proposed projects would have expanded the implementation of prototyped projects, prior to 2012, that allowed our industry to provide cleaner exported commodities from the various islands, and showed great promise in mitigating the spread of invasive species throughout Hawaii and abroad. In





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addition, the prevention aspect of biosecurity emphasized the need for intercepting and reducing the number of non-native (potentially invasive) species from entering Hawaii. It must be understood that it's cheaper to prevent the introduction of an invasive species, compared to lengthy and costly route of eradication and/or control.

In review of the proposed Governor's budget, we have noticed a lack of biosecurity projects for the next fiscal year. In addition, we have reviewed the Department's testimony on Legislative bills being considered during this session, and find them to be disappointed to say the least. There currently seems to be a large amount of legislation that is attacking agriculture rather than helping it. There have been bills seeking to attack farmers from using new technology and methods by those who do not understand the science of breeding and chemical use. We need the help of the Department of Agriculture to educate those who don't understand our industry and agriculture.

In conclusion, our industry would like to see Mr. Enright assure us that once he becomes Chair of Agriculture he will be a proactive leader in implementing agricultural and/or biosecurity projects to assist diversified agriculture in general. The industry would like to see a Chairperson that is a strong advocate for diversified agriculture (not just food but all forms of agriculture, and biosecurity).

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our comments on this nominee.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,

Eric S. Tanouye  
President

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| Michelle Galimba    | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Wayne Katayama      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Hon Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee on Agriculture. I am in strong support of Scott Enright as the next Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture. He has demonstrated the ability to understand and respect all forms of agriculture. A robust industry is not limiting or hindering certain kinds of agriculture but to have diversity and vertical integration. Scott is the right person for Hawaii agriculture. Please confirm Scott Enright as the next Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture.

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| John C. Cross       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I fully support the confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairman of the Department of Agriculture. Scott and I worked in the sugar plantations and then into diversified crops as the plantations closed. I believe him to be very capable of leading the Department. His on the ground, in the field, and "soil between the fingers" style is the type of person we need at the Chairmanship.

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| Joni Kamiya         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Please confirm Governor Abercrombie's of Scott Enright to chair the HDOA. He has the right skills and background needed to run this department.

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| Rhonda Stoltzfus    | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Kenneth Y. Kamiya   | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support the appointment of Mr. Scott Enright as Chairman for the Department of Agriculture. He is a strong advocate for Hawaii agriculture.

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| Patricia Kamiya     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support Scott Enright to the Chairman for the Board of Agriculture.

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| Wendi Kamiya        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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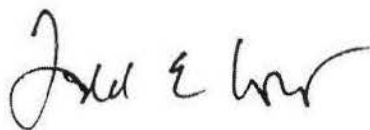
Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

My name is Todd Low. I am a Department of Agriculture (HDOA) employee but am submitting this testimony in support of Scott Enright's nomination as HDOA Chairperson as a private citizen.

I feel that Mr. Enright possesses the skills and vision to lead HDOA. He has shown exemplary leadership capabilities as HDOA Deputy – working both inside the organization and representing HDOA in several highly controversial topics in public. In addition, his managerial and organization skills fill a critical need for HDOA as it rebuilds and forges a new identity.

Especially relevant to Hawaii's agriculture is Mr. Enright's support for aquaculture development. He understands the untapped potential in this sector and has approved several key projects which will set the foundation for industry growth in the upcoming years.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Scott Enright's nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture (HDOA).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd E. Low". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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| Keith               | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Laurie Ho           | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Aloha! I wish to strongly support Mr. Scott Enright for this very important "Chairperon" position @ the State Department of Agriculture. I have known Scott for many years and enjoy working with him. Scott can and will be a great asset to moving Hawaii's agriculture forward. He has a down to earth ~ tell it like it is ~ working knowledge of our agricultural issues. Mahalo.

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| Matthew Stevenson   | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Mr. Enright is highly qualified, vetted, and would serve the needs of Hawaii's agricultural producers.

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| Jimmy Gomes         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Scott, has showed me a lot of support for our industry and has the leadership to move forward with issues and measures before us.

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| David N Fell Jr     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Aloha, I am Nurseryman with 50+ employees on 2 islands. A strong leader in the department of Agriculture that actually understands and supports agriculture is need. I believe that Scott is that person. I and my company support Scott.

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| Robert Gandia       | Individual          | Comments Only             | No                        |

Comments: I am in support of Scott Enright and want you to also confirm Scott to the Department of Ag.

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| Wesley M Nohara     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support Scott Enright for the position Department of Agriculture Chairperson. Mr. Enright is highly qualified, experienced, knowledgeable and very supportive of Agriculture in Hawaii.

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| Wayne Shimokawa     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Scott has always been a strong supporter of Hawaii agriculture and I believe he will do a good job for not only the interest of the farmers but also the people of Hawaii.

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| Dan Clegg           | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Sandi Kato-Klutke   | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I am in full support of Scott Enright. He has the experience and knowledge to move the Dept of Agriculture forward. Please vote in favor of his confirmation Thank you.

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| Bud & Katy Gibson   | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: We would like to support the Governor's nomination for the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Scott Enright.

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| Mark                | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Dear Representative/Congressman, I support Scott Enright as Chair of the Department of Agriculture. Please support the nomination of Scott Enright as Chair of the Department of Agriculture. Thank you, Mark Willman PO Box 25 Eleele, HI 96705 808-332-5353

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| Mitsuko Hayakawa    | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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| Michelle Tang       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| jw nalda            | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

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February 27, 2014

Senate Committee on Agriculture

Testimony in support of  
GM 522 – Scott Enright  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
Gubernatorial Nominee

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and committee members:

My name is Alan Takemoto. I am in strong support of GM 522 and respectfully urge the committee to confirm Mr. Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

I have been involved in Hawaii's agricultural industry for over 20 years and have worked with many individuals who have taken a leadership role in the agricultural industry. Scott Enright is one of those agricultural leaders who I hold in high esteem. He has been very involved and dedicated in moving Hawaii's agricultural industry forward. Scott's background, knowledge and expertise in working through many of the issues facing Hawaii's farmers and ranchers have been impressive. I am currently on the ADC board of directors and really appreciate working with Scott on a professional level. His insight on many of the ADC's projects is very valuable.

Scott Enright has the leadership style that I respect and appreciate. His decision making is fair and balanced. Scott is very approachable and always willing to hear both sides of the issue. For these reasons and more, I urge the committee to confirm Mr. Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo,

Alan Takemoto  
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| Marjorie &/or Duane Erway | Individual          | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: totally inappropriate for this job.

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| Susan Matsushima    | Individual          | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: Scott Enright is the best chance we have to have Hawaii's agriculture survive. With an active Chair, we will be able to bring forth the truth about what is right for Hawaii's agriculture.

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Chairperson Nishihara and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee I am testifying in strong support of Scott Enright as Chairperson to the Board of Agriculture.

My name is Jason Moniz; I'm a veterinarian with 32 years of experience working with our livestock and poultry industries. I'm also president of the Hamakua County Farm Bureau, delegate to the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, delegate to the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council and a steering committee member for the Hamakua Community Development Plan. My family and I have also been ranching for 29 years in Hamakua, are active 4H members and represent the 4th and 5th generations in our family making agriculture our primary livelihood.

I have known Scott Enright for several years, as a respected and engaged community member, as a fellow Hamakua Community Development Plan steering committee member, and over the last few years as a very capable leader of ADC and HDOA. Scott has been great to work with, the kind of leader who you are encouraged by and very willing to work with. He pays attention to the small and large issues and follows through to make sure they move in a positive direction. He is open minded, fair and bestows those qualities upon others he works with in a positive way.

I have had the privilege to work with several Board of Agriculture Chairs over the past 30 years. I believe Scott has the ability to be one of our best and is uniquely qualified to lead during these times where we are seeing significant change and challenges in agriculture.

My family and I and the Hamakua County Farm Bureau wholeheartedly support Scott Enright for Chairperson to the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for considering my views and support for Scott Enright.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the nomination of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. I have had the opportunity to work with Scott in the department these past two years as Deputy to the Chairperson. He has been very supportive of agriculture. First as Chair of ADC, and for the past year as Deputy Director of HDOA, Scott has always lent a listening ear, is reliable on following up on what he says he will do, and has a clear vision of what needs to be done to move Hawaii Agriculture forward. Scott is intelligent, well spoken, very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and is of the highest integrity

Please consider Scott Enright as Chairperson, Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 27, 2014  
HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
TESTIMONY ON GM 522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the  
Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Room 229

2:45 pm

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

My name is Randy Cabral and I have been involved in farming and ranching for over 40 years on the Big Island.

I am writing in **strong support** of the Governor's nomination of Scott Enright to serve as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Enright over the past several years on the Ka'u Irrigation systems project and most recently on an invasive insect problem that has caused severe damage to the macadamia industry.

Mr. Enright is and will continue to be a strong supporter of all forms of agriculture.

Mr. Enright's diverse experience in the agricultural industry and his proven leadership abilities makes him a great candidate to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and I am pleased to support the confirmation of Scott Enright.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this nominee.



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| Wainani Cugal       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Chair Senator Clarence Nishihara

Re: GM 522  
Testimony in support  
Hearing AGL: Thursday, February 27, 2014, 2:45pm, Room 229

Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee on Agriculture:

My name is Linda K. Rosehill. My testifying today in support of Scott Enright is as a private individual.

I need not remind this committee of the importance of agriculture to our economy and our community. Mr. Enright not only recognizes its critical importance, he works diligently to promote, support and encourage its growth among all sectors of the industry. He is forthright, works well with farmers in the community and is humble in his approach. Not afraid to take a position on sensitive issues, he is an asset to state government and our community.

I ask your favorable consideration of his appointment as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

February 27, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON GM 522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of  
Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Room 229  
2:45 pm

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

My name is Brian Miyamoto and I am writing in **strong support** of the Governor's nomination of Scott Enright to serve as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright brings a wealth of agricultural experience to this position, having worked on the Big Island developing innovative agricultural technologies for Condon Technologies, LLC and overseeing cultivation and irrigation for the Hamakua Sugar Company. On Oahu and Molokai, he also oversaw the planning and construction of several water line projects for ITC Water Management, Inc. and served as their Community Liaison on Molokai. Mr. Enright has also worked on Kauai overseeing 500-acre orchard for Kilauea Agronomics.

Mr. Enright's service to the State and to his community in on the Big Island are evident though his membership in numerous boards and community organizations such as the and the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for Hamakua District, the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, the O'okala Community Association. Mr. Enright's service at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture have given him valuable insight into the inner workings of the agency. While serving as the Administrator of both the Plant Industry Division and the Agricultural Development Division, Mr. Enright oversaw the administration of the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, which helps Hawaii farmers produce new high-value crops for export and find new crops to increase our food security.

Most recently, Mr. Enright served as the Deputy to the Chair of the Board of Agriculture where he shepherded projects to revitalize Hawaii's livestock industry and used his knowledge of irrigation infrastructure to direct improvements to the State's irrigation systems. Since his interim appointment, Mr. Enright has been working to prevent the entry of invasive species by collaborating with other State and Federal agencies to create biosecurity facilities as the major ports of entry and partnering with local agricultural organizations to address our food security and food safety issues.

Mr. Enright's diverse experiences in the agricultural industry and his proven leadership abilities make him an ideal candidate to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and I am pleased to support the confirmation of Scott Enright.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony is strong support of this nominee.

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| Betsy Cole          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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| Nancy Schmicker     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I support the confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairman of the Department of Agriculture.

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| donna woolley       | Individual          | Comments Only             | No                        |

Comments: Scott Enright is an experienced agricultural executive who possesses much hands on agricultural experience in Hawaii. Scott is a great listener who treats everyone with respect and dignity. We need a man like Scott Enright overseeing Hawaii agriculture. Thank you, Donna Woolley, Island Sun Coffee

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| Justin Robinson     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I am a resident of Kauai and work in in agriculture. I hold a Bachelors of Science Degree in Agriculture from Penn State University. I strongly support the nomination of Scott Enright.

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Kaneohe, 96744

GM 522: Relating to Confirmation, Chairperson Department of Agriculture  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, February 27, 2014  
Conference Room 229 at 2:45 p.m.

Position: Support confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairman, Board of Agriculture

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on  
Agriculture,

I support the nomination of Scott Enright to become Chairman of the Hawaii Board of  
Agriculture, as noted in the Governor's Message 522.

Aloha, I was born and raised in Hawaii and have been involved with Agriculture all of my  
adult life. I strongly support the confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairman, Board of  
Agriculture. Mr. Enright has a long history and vast experience in agricultural issues in  
the state and supports all types of farming. His understanding of important issues and  
his ability to bridge different viewpoints makes Mr. Enright well suited for this position.  
His goal of increasing education of agricultural issues to the general public is critical  
with so few people farming today. For the future of agriculture in Hawaii at this critical  
time, please consider confirmation of Mr. Enright.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the appointment of Mr.  
Enright.

Mark Stoutemyer



Hawaii State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Agriculture

Thursday, February 27, 2014  
2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 229

GM 522 - Consideration and Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT.

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Luis Salaveria, current deputy director of the Department of Budget and Finance. I've had the opportunity to work with Mr. Enright over the past two years during which he has been a person of high integrity and effective leadership.

I have witnessed first-hand Mr. Enright's contributions to the Department of Agriculture, first as its Deputy and then as Acting Chairperson. He will "roll-up his sleeves" to follow up on the work of the department seeking to understand the process and making sure the job is completed. He is a valuable asset to the department and his willingness to enhance and promote Hawaii's agriculture and aquaculture industries will benefit the people of the State of Hawaii.

I humbly urge the members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture to support Mr. Scott Enright's nomination and advancing GM 522 for full Senate confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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| Stacie Loo          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Please confirm Scott Enright. Stacie Loo

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| John McHugh         | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: As an agronomist with 40 years of experience in agriculture in Hawaii I highly support the nomination of Scott Enright as Chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Scott has a solid background of agriculture experience in Hawaii. In his role as Deputy Chair of the Department of Agriculture it was evident that Scott is a strong proponent of agriculture in our State and it is the right time in ag in Hawaii, with the jackals barking at the gate, to have such a strong advocate of ag assume the position of Chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. This will not be an easy task for anyone to assume the leadership position but Scott has certainly demonstrated that he has the ability to work with all components of agriculture in Hawaii. Please confirm Scott to the position of Chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

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| Lori Beach          | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I am writing to offer my whole-hearted support of Scott Enright being confirmed as the Chair of the Department of Agriculture. Lori Beach Executive Manager Hamakua Agricultural Cooperative

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| Myrone Murakami     | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

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**Priscilla Kubota**

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**From:** Douglas Schenk <dougschenk@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2014 9:31 PM  
**To:** Sen. Clarence Nishihara  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony in Support of Scott E. Enright

Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee,

My name is Douglas Schenk, I am a Partner with Maui Gold Pineapple Co. and I am writing in support of Scott E.

Enright to lead the Board of Agriculture.

Scott has a solid record and reputation throughout the Hawaii Agriculture sector as a person that is smart and hard working.

His excellent leadership skills will be a great assets for Board of Agriculture, he will look for solutions, that are workable,

and trustworthy. He has a keen ability to bring people together to solve problems.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Scott E. Enright.

He is the right person to lead our Agriculture sector.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Schenk

February 27, 2014

Senate Agriculture Committee  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: Governor's Message 522 Nominating Scott E. Enright to serve as Chair, Board of  
Agriculture, State of Hawaii

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and members of the Senate Agriculture Committee,

Scott Enright is the best person to serve as Chair of the Board of Agriculture. He is extremely knowledgeable about the many issues involved with agricultural development in Hawaii, and, most importantly, has clearly demonstrated his willingness to listen and dialogue with all who wish to engage with the Department of Agriculture. Having had the opportunity to work with Scott, I have been very impressed by his diligence and commitment to complete tasks and develop solutions for complex situations that require extensive research and collaboration. He is thoughtful and forthright when expressing his position specifically drawing on his diverse agricultural experience throughout the state. With this background of actively working in Hawaii's agricultural industry, he can understand and communicate effectively with farmers, ranchers and others directly involved with production agriculture. Scott has a dedicated team with expertise and experience at the Department of Agriculture that will continue to support and assist him with all tasks.

Scott's collaboration skills should also not be underestimated. He works extremely well with directors, deputies and staff from other state departments that interact with the Department of Agriculture, as well as leaders from associated Federal and County agencies. In this regard, it is important to note that Scott has gained the respect and regard from other state departments of agriculture. Members of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) selected him to serve as President of NASDA beginning in September 2014. In that capacity he will work closely with USDA Secretary Vilsack and USDA agencies, leadership and staff of the US House and US Senate Agricultural Committees, and, of course, members and staff of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation. This will position Hawaii well in terms of the future of agriculture here.

Please consider my strong support for Scott Enright in your deliberations. And given the wide support I know he will receive from others involved in active agriculture, please confirm him as Chair of the Board of Agriculture.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my view.

Russell S. Kokubun

TESTIMONY OF BRIAN KAU

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 27, 2014  
2:45 P.M., ROOM 229

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 522

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 522 regarding the appointment of Scott E. Enright to the position of Chairperson, Board of Agriculture. I strongly support this nomination.

I have had the pleasure of working with Scott for the past two years in his position as the Department's deputy to the Chairperson. He has consistently proven to be a champion of agriculture and the agricultural community. I have no doubt that his character will serve the State well. Scott has an unbending commitment to the continued growth and success of agriculture and its role in creating a sustainable Hawaii. He has a firm grasp of the issues at hand and thoroughly understands the difficulties associated with modern agriculture in our State. I have no doubt that Scott will lead the Department with class and distinction.



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| David Bateman       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: AGL Chair and Committee Members: Please accept this testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 522 for Scott Enright's confirmation as Chairman of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture The committee(s) on AGL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-27-14 2:45PM in conference room 229. I along with proposed other members of the Hawaii coffee industry just completed testimony to the Board of Agriculture this morning on Amendments to HAR Chapter 4-143. It was an absolute pleasure to appear before Scott Enright, Temporary Chair, and the entire Board. Scott handled the meeting exceptionally well. He proved himself to be an experienced and very knowledgeable agricultural executive who possesses much hands on practical agricultural experience here in Hawaii. Scott is a great listener who treated everyone with respect and dignity. He managed questions from the board members very well. I was extremely impressed by him. We need a man like Scott Enright overseeing Hawaii agriculture. Thank you, David Bateman, President Heavenly Hawaiian Farms

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| David Gridley       | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I strongly support the appointment of Scott Enright as Chairman of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Scott has much hands on experience in Hawaiian Agriculture and has a fair, well balance approach to his decision making process.

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February 25, 2014

Matthew Wung

864 Edena St.

Hilo, HI 96720

To: Members of the Hawaii State Legislature

Subject: Support of GM522

This testimony is in support of Neil Abercrombie's nomination of Scott Enright as Chairperson, Department of Agriculture. I have known Scott for over 25 years and have seen his commitment to support Hawaii Agriculture as an agricultural producer and USDA Employee. Scott's political knowledge and community support makes him the best candidate for the future of Hawaiian Agriculture and in essence the future of Hawaii. Farmers and Ranches need good leadership and foresight to be globally competitive and move toward economic stability. I believe Scott's past actions to support agriculture is proof that he will do what it takes to move our state forward.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 204  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 522

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Governor's Message 522, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Enright. I am writing to express my strong support for Scott's confirmation.

Active in the agriculture industry and community, Scott is a former chair and current *ex officio* member representing the Department of Agriculture on the board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He has also served on the Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors for East Hawaii (2009-2010), during which he championed sustainable energy with an emphasis on sustainable bioenergy fuel stock. In addition, he is a member of the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District, past chair of the Environmental Management Commission, past member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, and founding president of the Ookala Community Association.

I have had the pleasure of working with Scott during his tenure as Deputy to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. During that time, Scott served as the Administrator of the Plant Industry Division and the Agricultural Development Division. He also directed biosecurity efforts statewide and led initiatives to revitalize the state's livestock industry with a special focus on developing the dairy industry and the grass-fed beef industry.

In addition to his many accomplishments, Scott possesses excellent communication skills and the leadership qualities that have made him an effective Deputy and will continue to serve him in a role as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. I believe Scott is uniquely qualified to serve as Chairperson and will be integral in moving Hawaii towards reaching its agricultural potential.

Mahalo,  
Ken H. Kakesako

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| Pamela Boyar        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I fully support the nomination of Scott Enright.

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**GM522, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT.**

**February 27, 2014**

**Testimony of Dean Matsukawa  
Agricultural Loan Administrator**

**Position: SUPPORT**

**Comments:**

I am in support of Mr. Scott Enright as the Gubernatorial Nominee for the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. In his capacity as Deputy for the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Enright has successfully dealt with the many difficult agricultural and personnel issues facing the department.

Mr. Enright has a strong and varied background in agriculture and truly understands the key issues facing the industry. He is a good communicator and a strong leader with great ideas who will be able to provide a vision for the Department and be able to work collaboratively with the agricultural industry.

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



***Adolph Helm Testimony  
Hawaiian Homesteader P.O. Box 391  
Hoolehua, Hawaii 96729***

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE HEARING

Thursday, February 27, 2014

2:45pm, Conference Room 229

State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

RELATING TO GM 522

**IN SUPPORT for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of  
Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT.**

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Respected Committee Members,

My name is Adolph Helm a farmer and homesteader from Molokai, mahalo for allowing me an opportunity to testify in support of Scott Enright's confirmation.

I own a small family farm business on Hawaiian Homelands called Anahaki LLC. As a business partner with my two sons we were recently selected as one of the three winners of the Statewide Kamehameha Schools Mahi'ai Match-Up Contest. The business Mapulehu Farms is a 43 acre organic mango orchard parcel offering agri-cultural tours to teach the community about Hawaiian –based farming practices and traditional varieties native to Mapulehu, Molokai. I am also the Project Leader for Mycogen Seeds an affiliate of Dow AgroSciences. Mycogen Seeds has a Seeds and Traits Research operation on Molokai and currently employs approximately 120 Molokai residents.

Married to a girl from Molokai Mr. Enright's connection to Molokai, the land and the agriculture community goes way back. He has extensive experience and knowledge in water management, design, operations and policies. His experience and deep understanding span all aspects of Hawaii's agriculture. Mr. Enright is an advocate for all types of farming practices that align with good stewardship responsibility including a forward, collective and collaborative approach to improving and sustaining agriculture in Hawaii.

In this period of uncertainty concerning Hawaii's agriculture future Mr. Enright has all the attributes to lead the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii towards a positive direction that benefits all. Please consider confirming Mr. Enright as the next Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Yours truly, Adolph Helm





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Chair Nishihara,

Committee on Agriculture  
Chair Nishihara and Committee Members

Scott Enright has been a friend of agriculture and Hawaii; providing balanced support for agriculture and the Community. As the Deputy Director of HDOA, Scott has always made himself available and has lent a listening ear. He provides effective leadership and understands the issues facing agriculture and the Dept. of Agriculture.

Mahalo for this opportunity to support Scott Enright's appointment as the Chair of HDOA.

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| stephanie iona      | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I humbly submit my support for the well deserved appointment of Mr. Scott Enright. Mahalo, Stephanie Iona Waimea, Kauai, Hawaii

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The Senate Committee on Agriculture  
2:45 P.M. Thursday, February 27, 2014  
Room 229  
Re: GM 522

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support for the consideration and confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture (DOA). Mr. Enright possesses the agricultural experience and knowledge to effectively lead the DOA. From February 2012 to December 2013, Mr. Enright has served as the Deputy to the Chairperson for the DOA. As the Deputy Director, Mr. Enright was the administrator of the DOA Divisions of Plant Industry and Agricultural Development, managed the United States Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant funding program, and directed Human Resources for the Office of the Chair.

Before working for the DOA, Mr. Enright was a consultant for the Hawaii Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Project, project manager for ITC Water Management Inc., cultivation and irrigation superintendent for Hamakua Sugar Company, and orchard superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics.

Mr. Enright is also active in the agriculture industry and community. He is currently an ex officio member representing the DOA on the board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, and has also served on the Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors for East Hawaii. In addition, he is a member of the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District and founding president of the Ookala Community Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support for the consideration and confirmation of Scott Enright.

Noa Ching

Senate Agriculture Committee

GM 522 Regarding Gubernatorial Nominee,  
Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture

Personal Testimony of Dr. Isaac M. Maeda, Acting Administrator  
Animal Industry Division, Hawaii Department of Agriculture

Thursday, February 27, 2014

2:45 P.M.

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chairperson, Senator Ronald Kouchi, Vice Chairperson  
and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 552 that  
nominates Mr. Scott Enright for Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

Scott has been Deputy to the Chairperson since February 2012, and interim  
Chairperson since former Chairperson Kokubun's retirement last year. Scott has been  
a strong positive influence on the department and is active and effective in addressing  
issues pertaining to agriculture in Hawaii. He applies a practical and common sense  
approach that demonstrates foresight, knowledge and expertise with both the  
agriculture industry and operations of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

I respectfully ask for your support in the confirmation of Mr. Scott Enright as  
Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

TESTIMONY OF THOMAS K. MATSUDA

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 522

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide personal testimony on Governor's Message No. 522, submitting for consideration and confirmation Scott Enright as Chairperson, Department of Agriculture.

My name is Thomas K. Matsuda, I am the Pesticides Program Manager at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA).

Prior to becoming the Acting Chairperson at the HDOA, Mr. Enright served as its Deputy, and for a time also assumed duties as the Plant Industry Division Administrator which oversees the Pesticides Branch.

During my time as the Pesticides Program Manager, Mr. Enright has been and continues to be attentive to the needs of the Pesticides Branch in terms of interfacing with the general community, agricultural community, lawmakers in county, state and federal levels of government with the message that the proper use of pesticides is meant to reduce risk exposure to human health and the environment.

He has been attuned to the concerns of pesticide misuse, raised by many in the State. I believe Mr. Enright has a sound understanding of pesticides and its use as a critical tool to increase food, feed and commercial production of agricultural products while also providing needed jobs in the agriculture sector in the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Enright has demonstrated by his leadership style to be a tireless, supportive administrator. I wholeheartedly support his nomination to be the next Chairperson at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for allowing me to present testimony.

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| Janet Ashman        | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I have worked with farmers and ranchers in Hawaii for over 20 years and I am in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Scott Enright to chair the Department of Agriculture. I am privileged to have worked with Mr. Enright in his capacity as DOA Deputy over the last several years. He understands the challenges faced by agriculture in Hawaii and is committed to bringing all parties together to find effective solutions and work toward common goals. He genuinely respects and finds value in each person he encounters and is able to form partnerships among diverse groups in order to accomplish the mission of the department, to support farming in Hawaii.

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| Verna Eguires       | UH - CTAHR 4-H Youth Program volunteer | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: Aloha, Chairperson Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouch, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture: My name is Verna Eguires and I am writing in strong support for consideration and confirmation Scott Enright nominee to serve as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. I believe, Mr. Enright will bring great wealth of agricultural knowledge and skills to this position, as he recently has served as the Deputy to the Chair of the Board of Agriculture where he were involved with projects to revitalize Hawaii's livestock industry and with Scott Enright's diverse experiences in the agricultural industry and proven leadership abilities make him an ideal Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and I am pleased to provide my support to Scott Enright. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my testimony in strong support of this nominee. Verna Eguires

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Chair Nishihara,

Committee on Agriculture  
Chair Nishihara and Committee Members

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Mahalo for this opportunity to support Scott Enright's appointment as the Chair of HDOA.

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*February 26, 2014*

*Testimony in SUPPORT of Scott Enright as Chair of the State Department of Agriculture*

*Aloha,*

*My name is Glenn I. Teves and I have been involved in agriculture in Hawaii all my life. I'm a Hawaiian Homestead farmer on Molokai, and I have also served as a County Extension Agent on the island of Molokai for the last 33 years. I speak as an individual. I have known Scott Enright for over 35 years ago, and consider him a personal friend. I have worked with him in many capacities on Molokai, almost all in agriculture. I consider him an upstanding and honest individual, and someone I would be honored to work with in the future. Although we may not agree on all issues, and preferred courses of action, I know he will be open to my point of view, and will listen to what I have to say. His skills in facilitation and mediation will serve him well in this challenging job, as agriculture faces interesting times. I also know he will lead the Department of Agriculture in a 'pono' manner. Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.*

*Glenn Ioane Teves*  
*Hoolehua, Molokai*

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Senator Ronald Kouchi, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture

Thursday, February 27, 2014; 2:45 PM  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**Re: GM 522 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the gubernatorial nomination of Scott Enright, as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright's recent roles as Deputy to the Chair of the Board of Agriculture and his interim appointment, combined with his extensive history of service to the State and the community has given him valuable perspective and detailed knowledge of the agricultural industry, as well as the agency.

Mr. Enright's considerable background and experience of Hawaii's agricultural industry, in addition to his proven leadership abilities, would be an asset to the Department of Agriculture, and I am pleased to support the confirmation of Scott Enright.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this nominee.

Sincerely,

Leslie A. Campaniano  
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THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

February 26, 2014

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 522

Relating to the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee  
**SCOTT ENRIGHT**  
as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture

Thursday, February 27, 2014, 2:45 pm  
Conference Room 229  
submitted by  
Joseph Blanco

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture:

I write in strong support of Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

The Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture oversees a diverse portfolio of important regulatory and economic development initiatives affecting Hawaii's agriculture and aquaculture industries.

Mr. Enright has the experience, knowledge, and requisite skillsets to lead the Department in preserving, promoting, and developing essential agricultural resources and infrastructure, and creating a climate that maximizes opportunities for exporting Hawaii-grown agricultural products, and facilitating public-private partnership to grow existing and new agricultural commodities and by-products.

I believe Mr. Enright will play an important leadership role bring community stakeholders with diverse and passionate views and perspectives together on a variety of issues together into a balance discussion and towards a resolution where Hawaii's agricultural and aquaculture industries can continue to grow and flourish during such challenging times for many direct producers and users of agricultural and aquaculture products and services.

Towards that end, I respectfully urge the Committee to advise and consent to Mr. Enright's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. I am confident he will serve the people of Hawaii and the Department of Agriculture with great honor and distinction.

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| Jerry Ornellas      | Individual          | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: My name is Jerry Ornellas and I am a fourth generation family farmer on Kauai. I am also Kauai's representative on the Board of Agriculture. I have had the opportunity to work with Scott Enright and I strongly endorse his confirmation to Chair the Department of Agriculture. I plan to attend the confirmation hearing and will elaborate on why I believe Scott is the ideal candidate for this position. Thank you.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to support Scott Enright's appointment as the Chair of HDOA.

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| Richard Ha   | Individual   | Comments Only      | No                 |

Comments: Aloha Chair Nishihara I am very strongly in favor of appointing Scott Enright as Chair of the Department of Agriculture. He is a leader who inspires and activates the folks who he works with. Scott has a clear vision of food security for Hawaii. Instead of approaching agriculture as one of a series of silos, he takes a broad systems approach to the challenge. That is what we will need to insure food security for Hawaii. L Scott listens well to all sides of an issue. He is fair. But, he is not wishy washy. Aloha Richard Ha President Hamakua Springs Country Farms Cell 960 1057

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Mahalo for this opportunity to support Scott Enright's appointment as the Chair of HDOA.

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February 26, 2014

Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
And Members of the Committee  
Hawaii State Senate

Subject GM 522: Confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairman of the Department of Agriculture

Aloha Committee Members

I wish to rise in support of Scott Enright's confirmation as the Director of the State Department of Agriculture. I have working in the agricultural sector for 30 years for a wide range of property owners, several county governments, multiple community groups and several ag industry associations. One of the things I have learned in this process is that people, like Scott, who are actually good listeners and collaborative problem solvers, are hard to find. Please take this chance to seize the opportunity for good leadership that Mr. Enright offers.

As an active community member on the Hamakua Coast, as the chair of the ADC and as DOA Deputy, Mr. Enright has repeatedly shown his skill at finding and using good information, building sound partnerships and doing what he says he will do. He will fill big shoe left behind by former Senator Kokubun and help to open new doors with his own particular skills for collaborative leadership. I know of no one else who is as well positioned to rise to the daunting job of DOA Chair and I encourage you to confirm him for the good of the agricultural industry and for the betterment of the State of awaii

Thank you for the change to submit testimony.

Sincerely

Jeffrey Melrose  
Hilo, Hawaii

February 25, 2014

Darcy E. Oishi  
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Dear Chair Nishihara and Vice-Chair Kouchi,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. Scott Enright to the position of Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. I have been fortunate enough to have worked with Mr. Enright since his appointment as Deputy to the Department of Agriculture. I have served under Mr. Enright in three distinct capacities, Biological Control Section Chief, Acting Manager for the Plant Pest Control Branch and my current position as Acting Manager for the Plant Quarantine Branch. In these three capacities, I have worked closely with Mr. Enright to address the issue of invasive species and the threats posed by invasive species to agriculture, the environment and human health and life style. Plant Pest Control and Plant Quarantine constitute the core of the Department's biosecurity program.

Although new to the issue, Mr. Enright's approach has strongly benefited the program and the broader partnerships that impact biosecurity in Hawaii. He has taken an approach of openness and carefully listening to the issues and concerns of Departmental programs, balancing it with the concerns of other agencies and groups, and working to bridge gaps and fix issues plaguing these programs. His approach is not to create stop-gap measures but meaningful long-term change with an emphasis on effectiveness, efficiency and long term sustainability— changes that will persist long after his tenure in the Department of Agriculture will come to an end.

These are but a few of the qualities that Mr. Enright exhibits that will make him an effective Chairperson to the Board of Agriculture. The Department is currently beset by a broad range of issues at this time and Mr. Enright has demonstrated he has the ability to steer the Department of Agriculture through these complex issues to a future where we are better placed to serve agriculture and more broadly, the state of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Darcy E. Oishi

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February 22, 2014

Dear Senator Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture-

I have just learned that your committee will be taking up GM-522 today regarding the confirmation of Scott Enright as Director of the Department of Agriculture. I have been working closely with Mr. Enright on a variety of projects, most notably, the development of a food self-reliance measurement system for Hawaii and also as a mediator, on the resolution of a number of agricultural disputes across the state through the Hawaii Agricultural Mediation program (HIAMP) which he helped to establish. I unequivocally and without reservation support his confirmation. You have an outstanding candidate. He is experienced, talented, diplomatic, and a fine leader for this position and I hope you will swiftly and unanimously confirm him for this important post.

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| Herbert M "Tim" Richards III | Individual   | Support            | No                 |

Comments: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair Dear Senators, I am writing on behalf of Scott Enright to endorse his nomination for Chairman of the Department of Agriculture. My background in Hawaii Agriculture is long term and generational. I have been a large animal veterinarian performing herd health consultation for many ranches throughout the state of Hawaii for almost 30 years. I am a 3rd generation Hawaii Rancher coming from a six generation kama'aina family. Currently I sit on the County of Hawaii Agriculture Advisory Commission and among other things am the immediate past President of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (our state Cattlemen's Association representing over 120 ranchers and almost 65% of the state cattle). During the last several years I have worked with Scott Enright in his Department of Agriculture vice-chair capacity to promote agriculture. As our state moves toward a rekindling and retooling of agriculture, having leadership that can accommodate, acclimate, and steward the process is essential. I have found him to be very open minded, intelligent, and balanced in his thinking and decision making. His ability to see the greater picture and then work with the associated parties to accomplish the goals can not be overstated. As Hawaii strives for food self reliance through growth in our agricultural community, I believe there is no one better qualified to hold the position of Chairman. Aloha, Herbert M "Tim" Richards III DVM

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February 26, 2014

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
The Honorable Ronald Kouchi, Vice Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Agriculture  
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Re: **Strong support for GM 522** nominating Scott E. Enright as Chairperson of the  
Department of Agriculture

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Scott Enright's confirmation as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Having had the pleasure of working with Scott when he served as Deputy to the Chairperson, I can attest to his strong leadership and collaboration skills. Scott is smart and fair; qualities that have inspired the Market Development Branch to double the number of activities we have conducted during his tenure as the Deputy including outreach, export activities, and agricultural projects we administer.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Scott Enright's confirmation.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hurd