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February 27th, 2014 ~ GM 522 ~ Confirmation of Scott Enright

Committee on Agriculture  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair

Dear Committee Chair Nishihara and Committee Members,

We **STRONGLY Support** confirming Scott Enright as the Chair to the HAawaii Dept. of Agriculture.

We are Hawaii Farmers and Ranchers United; a group formed to Protect our Freedom to Farm. At an annual value of \$194 million, we produce almost all of the Big Island's agriculture – 93 percent of the agricultural products grown and raised on the Big Island..

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.

Mahalo,  
Hawaii Farmers & Ranchers United

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February 27, 2014

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

**Re: GM 522 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
SCOTT ENRIGHT**  
Conference Room 229 – 2:45 PM

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

The Airlines Committee of Hawaii\* (ACH), which is made up of 21 signatory air carriers that underwrite the State Airport System, appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of the Governor's nomination of Scott Enright as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright has extensive knowledge of the agricultural industry and has shown excellent leadership skills in his recent positions as the Deputy to the Chair of the Board of Agriculture, and interim appointment as the Chair of the department. He has demonstrated a willingness to collaborate with the ACH, and is committed to working in partnership with all essential parties. Mr. Enright's vast experience and management abilities make him an ideal candidate to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Blaine Miyasato  
ACH Co-chair

*\*ACH members are Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Air Pacific, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Aloha Air Cargo, American Airlines, China Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Federal Express, go!, Hawaiian Airlines, Island Air, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, US Airways, and Westjet.*

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February 27, 2014

**TO:** The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture

**FROM:** Tobi Solidum

**SUBJECT:** Gm 522 – Confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairman of Department of Agriculture  
Thursday, February 27, 2014 @ 2:45pm  
Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Please accept my testimony in strong support of Scott Enright as the next Chair of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright's knowledge, experience, personality and vision position him in a very positive light entering into this key post for the State of Hawaii.

I've had the pleasure of working with Mr. Enright as Deputy Chair of Agriculture and he has always been very responsive and helpful. His willingness to continue serving as a Board Member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation is further testament to his commitment to develop a sustainable agriculture industry for our state.

Thank you and your members for your kind attention and support.

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**GM522**

Submitted on: 2/27/2014

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**GM522**

Submitted on: 2/27/2014

Testimony for AGL on Feb 27, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Evensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

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**From:** Harrington, Vernon H - APHIS <Vernon.Harrington@aphis.usda.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 10:34 AM  
**To:** AGL Testimony  
**Subject:** Chairperson, Department of Agriculture, Scott Enright

Aloha Agriculture Committee,

My name is Vernon Harrington, and I am the USDA, APHIS, PPQ State Plant Health Director for Hawaii. I have worked with Scott Enright on a number of Hawaii agricultural pest, import and export issues for the past two years. It has been a positive and collaborative relationship between HDOA and Hawaii PPQ. I would like to support Scott Enright's confirmation as Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Vernon Harrington  
USDA, APHIS, PPQ  
Hawaii State Plant Health Director

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February 27, 2014

Subject: Nomination of Scott Enright as Chairperson, Department of Agriculture

Aloha Senators:

I am supporting the nomination of Scott Enright as Chairperson, Department of Agriculture.

I am the manager of Kapoho Land Partnership and Kapoho Land and Development Co. Ltd., which comprise the Lyman family lands in Kapoho. My family has farmed on the Island of Hawaii since the mid-1850s, for over 160 years. For over 110 years, the Lyman family has pursued agricultural activities on its lands in Kapoho, Puna District, Hawaii County.

I have had the opportunity to deal directly with Scott on agricultural related matters, including meeting him in our fields in Kapoho, Puna District, Hawaii Island. His extensive and direct involvement in agriculture in Hawaii and his hands-on farming experience gives him a foundation to move Hawaii's agricultural sector forward.

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.

Previously, Enright 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 O'okala Community Association.

Aloha, Lono Lyman

*A Lono Lyman*

Manager KLP and KLDC  
President KMC

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Hawaii State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Testimony in Support of Governor's Message  
Confirming the Nomination of Scott E. Enright  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

The Lalamilo Farmers Association of Kamuela, Hawaii is united in their support of Scott E. Enright for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. It is the collective posture of this group to whole heartedly endorse Scott Enright's appointment.

Since the birth of the Lalamilo Farm Lots Agricultural Park in the early 1960s, the State Department of Agriculture, most notably the Irrigation Division, has played a critical role in assuring successful production of truck crops over the past half century. The Department of Agriculture, through its leadership, and the Lalamilo Farm Lots Association share a vested interest in nurturing this relationship to assure forward progress in all aspects of food production and irrigation service thereof. We believe Mr. Enright has a clear vision for elevating the industry to new levels.

Mr. Enright has proven his worth throughout his career that speaks to leadership experience soundly based in agriculture in private, State and Federal capacities. He is a champion of natural resource conservation as a means of assuring Hawaii's progress toward greater food production, energy independence and security. His direct involvement in directing the improvement of the infrastructure for irrigation systems not only in Lalamilo and Hamakua, but state-wide, has already come to fruition.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Scott Enright. We firmly believe he is the right person to lead the Department of Agriculture and help grow the diversified components of Hawaii agriculture.

*Roger Hirako*  
Roger Hirako, co-chairman  
*Earl Yamamoto*  
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