

GM689

Testimony

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,
JERRY ORNELLAS, for a term to expire
6-30-2018.

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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014
2:45 P.M.
ROOM 229

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 689
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JERRY ORNELLAS, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE 6-30-2018

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 689, for the consideration and confirmation of Jerry Ornellas to the Board of Agriculture. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) would like to express its strong support for Jerry's nomination and reconfirmation to the board.

Jerry has over forty years of well rounded, direct experience in the agricultural sector in Hawaii. Jerry is currently a farmer and owner of Agland Management LLC which produces tropical fruit for local distribution. Jerry's extensive agricultural experience also includes being a partner in Kainahola Banana Farm from 1992-2002, a manager of a ranching and diversified agricultural operation from 1972-1992, a manager of Ornellas Dairy from 1966-1971, and an agricultural research technician at the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources from 1990-2002.

Jerry is active in the agricultural community; currently the President of the Kauai County Farm Bureau, the Associate Director of East Kauai Soil and Water Conservation District, a board member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, a member of the Kauai Agricultural Advisory Committee, a member of the Food and Agriculture Committee of the Kauai Economic

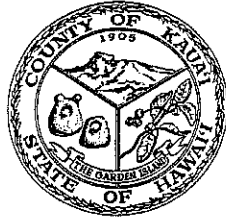


Development Board, and a member of the Professional Development Program Advisory Committee of the Western Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Professional Development Program. Jerry has also served in the past as member of the Important Agricultural Lands Technical Advisory Committee. As a current member of the Board of Agriculture, Jerry is a vital contributor to Board deliberations, bringing a farmer's perspective to all discussions.

Based on Jerry's extensive local agricultural experience, community involvement, and solid track record as a current Board member, the HDOA strongly supports the consideration and reconfirmation of Jerry to the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



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Managing Director

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014

April 8, 2014
2:45 p.m., Conf. Room 229

TESTIMONY ON **GM 689**, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
JERRY ORNELLAS, TO STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. Mayor, County of Kauai, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Jerry Ornellas to the State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Ornellas is being nominated to serve on the Board for the term ending June 30, 2018. He is well respected in the community for his leadership and knowledge in the field of agricultural industry. He currently is the President of the Kauai County Farm Bureau, Vice President of the Kauai Economic Development Board and Food & Agriculture Committee Chair.

Mr. Ornellas provides a broad perspective on the agriculture industry and an asset to the State Board. He continues to demonstrate his willingness to serve the community through volunteering to serve on this Board.

I consider it an honor to have Mr. Ornellas serve in this capacity and represent the County of Kauai.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to present testimony on this confirmation.

Sincerely,

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



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April 10, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON GM 689

Confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee JERRY ORNELLAS

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 Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Jerry Ornellas to the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

Over his past 40 years in agriculture on Kauai, Jerry Ornellas has made a series of outstanding contributions to fellow farmers and to the agricultural sector.

As the current President of the Kauai County Farm Bureau and member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Government Affairs Committee, Jerry works on a wide variety of policy issues concerning the needs, challenges and opportunities faced by farmers on Kauai and from across the State.

His diverse professional background in agriculture - working both as a private small farmer, and as an Agriculture Research Technician for UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, has given him a broad based experience in livestock production, vegetable crops and orchard crops.

Jerry has direct experience with water, land and infrastructure issues with the Farm Bureau and in other roles as President of the East Kauai Water User's Cooperative, a member of the Stakeholder & Technical Advisory Committee for the County of Kauai Important Agricultural, Lands (IAL) Study, Associate Director of the East Kauai Soil and Water Conservation District, Chair of the Kauai Agricultural Advisory Committee, and Co-Chair of the Kauai Economic Development Board's Food and Agriculture Committee. He has an understanding of some of the complexities facing agricultural production in Hawaii, critical thinking skills, and specific policy experience along with a personal dedication to preserve agricultural lands and water systems and to help farmers build a strong future for agriculture in Hawaii.

We welcome you to support the confirmation of Jerry Ornellas to the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Francisco	Kauai Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

Comments:

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Hawaii's Agricultural Partnerships	4 Ag Hawaii ~ non profit 501 [c] [3]	Support	No

Comments: 4 Ag Hawaii, a Hawaii non-profit 501 [c] [3] strongly supports the confirmation of Jerry Ornellas to the Board of Agriculture. Jerry is first and foremost an honorable man of the highest character & integrity as well as a tireless advocate of Hawaii Agriculture. We urge you to confirm him and let him continue his excellent work for farmers and ranchers as he has done for years. Thanks for your consideration.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Thursday April 10, 2014 2:45 p.m. Room 229

GM 689 JERRY ORNELLAS NOMINATION

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,
JERRY ORNELLAS, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

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

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 689, the nomination of Jerry Ornellas for the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

Jerry is a person of impeccable integrity. He is well thought of and respected by members of the agricultural community in the State of Hawaii. Jerry has been a leader in Hawaii Agriculture and has farmed for over 40 years on Kauai. He has a diverse professional background - working both as a private small farmer, and as an Agriculture Research Technician for University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. He has a broad-based experience in livestock production, vegetable crops and orchard crops. Jerry has direct experience with water, land and infrastructure issues.

Jerry served as Vice President and Government Affairs Chair of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, current President of the Kauai County Farm Bureau, President of the East Kauai Water User's Cooperative, a member of the Stakeholder & Technical Advisory Committee for the County of Kauai Important Agricultural, Lands (IAL) Study, Associate Director of the East Kauai Soil and Water Conservation District, Chair of the Kauai Agricultural Advisory Committee, and Co-Chair of the Kauai Economic Development Board's Food and Agriculture Committee.

On a personal note, I served on the State Board of Agriculture for two years with Jerry and ALWAYS found him to be a good listener, asked pointed questions and was always an advocate for Hawaii farmers and ranchers, especially for the small farmer.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to testify in strong support of the nomination for Jerry Ornellas.

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Jason Moniz	Hamakua County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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Scott McFarland	Kauai County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments: Kauai County Farm Bureau strongly supports Jerry Ornellas's appointment to the Board of Agriculture.

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S. De Luz, Jr.	Kukaiau Ranch, LLC	Support	No

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Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

Testimony for the Twenty Seventh Legislature, 2014
State of Hawaii

Thursday, April 10, 2014 2:45PM
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair


Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture nominee Jerry Ornellas

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 would like to show our **Support** for the nomination of Jerry Ornellas. We believe that Mr. Ornellas can provide the support and expertise that is needed by the Board of Agriculture.

We urge you to **SUPPORT** the nomination of Jerry Ornellas. If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 22, cell 960-1433 and email eric@greenpointnursery.com.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,



Eric S. Tanouye
President

Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Tresler	Grove Farm Company Inc	Support	No

Comments:

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TESTIMONY OF
Warren H. Haruki
President & CEO - Grove Farm Company, Inc.
Chairman & CEO – Maui Land & Pineapple Company

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Thursday, April 10, 2014
Conference Room 229
2:45 p.m.

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE NISHIHARA, CHAIR,
HONORABLE RONALD D. KOUCHI, VICE-CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

GM No. 689 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jerry Ornellas, for a term to expire 6/30/2018

I am pleased to offer testimony **in strong support** of the nomination of Jerry Ornellas to serve an additional term on the Board of Agriculture.

Grove Farm has had the opportunity to work with Mr. Ornellas for a number of years on various projects relating to agriculture across Kauai, as well as throughout the State of Hawaii. I have been able to observe first-hand the manner in which his leadership, intellect, and integrity have positively impacted residents throughout the State. During his first term as a board member of the Board of Agriculture, Mr. Ornellas has honed his ability to listen and be open-minded, while never wavering in his commitment to serve the people of Hawaii.

Mr. Ornellas has served his constituents on Kauai via numerous agricultural appointments and endeavors. I am confident that Mr. Ornellas will continue to be an involved and strong contributor to the Board of Agriculture. He will bring his approach of engaging in respectful discussion, efficiently analyzing facts and looking out for the interests of Hawaii's residents in fulfilling his role on the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Ornellas' passion and commitment to improving Hawaii's agriculture industry makes him an ideal candidate to continue to represent Kauai at the statewide level.

I respectfully request that you confirm Mr. Ornellas to the Board of Agriculture and thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John R. Gordines	Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery Ass.	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Johnny Gordines I am the president of Hawaii Tropical Flowers Farmers, & Foliage Association-Kauai. We have a membership of 30 growers, exporters, and nurseries on the island of Kauai. We strongly support and endorse Jerry Ornellas be appointed to the Hawaii Board of Agriculture. Mr. Ornellas has been a farmer for many years as well as a leader in the agriculture community here on Kauai as well as the state of Hawaii. Jerry bring experience, and hard working dedicated passion for Hawaii agriculture. Thank you for the privilege of submitting testimony. I can be reached at Gordines@kauaiflowers.com or (808) 651-9711 Mahalo Johnny Gordines

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GM 689, Jerry Ornellas
For Board of Agriculture
Senate AGL Confirmation Hearing
Thursday, April 10, 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., a family-run business with farms on Oahu and Molokai. I have been a farmer in Hawaii for more than 35 years and have been actively involved in organizations that support Hawaii's farmers.

As a director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, I have worked with Jerry Ornellas for many years. He is the President of the Kauai County Farm Bureau, and also serves as Kauai County's representative to the state organization, Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Jerry Ornellas brings to the Board of Agriculture more than 40 years of agriculture experience that includes livestock, vegetable and orchard crop production as well as agricultural land and water management. While continuing to farm, he worked for UH-CTAHR as an agricultural research technician until his retirement. He is a graduate of the Agriculture Leadership Program, enhancing his facilitation skills and state-wide perspective of agriculture.

His expertise, leadership and ability to be impartial and open to learning and listening to all sides of an issue before forming conclusions are clearly recognized by County and State government agencies as well as community organizations. These organizations include: Kauai Agricultural Advisory Committee (Kauai County Mayor's Office); Food and Agriculture Committee, Kauai Economic Development Board; East Kauai Water and User's Cooperative and more.

Your support of Jerry Ornellas' re-appointment to the Hawaii 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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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Thursday, April 10, 2014 – 2:45 p.m. – Room 229

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports GM 689, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jerry Ornellas, for a term to expire 6-30-2018

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. The Ulupono Initiative is in strong support of Jerry Ornellas's re-nomination to the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Ornellas has deep farming experience and lends a practical voice to the Board of Agriculture. As the leader of the Kaua'i Farm Bureau, he is a strong supporter of locally grown food and a great ally representing the Kaua'i's agricultural community. The State of Hawai'i will be well served by his continued participation on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Ornellas's nomination.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner

Kyle Datta
General Partner

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE RONALD D. KOUCHI, VICE CHAIR**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 689: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Hawai'i State Board of Agriculture,
Gubernatorial Nominee, JERRY ORNELLAS, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.**

Testimony in Strong Support

**By Glenn K. Y. Hong
President, Young Brothers, Limited
and
P. Roy Catalani
Vice President, Young Brothers, Limited**

April 10, 2014, 2:45 pm, Conference Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 689 submitting Governor Abercrombie's nomination of **Jerry Ornellas to the Hawai'i State Board of Agriculture (the *Agriculture Board* or the *Board*)**. **We submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Ornellas' nomination.**

The Board is charged with setting broad operating policies for the Hawai'i State Department of Agriculture (the *Department*), which is committed to "the preservation and productive use of agricultural resources so as to assure a healthy and adequate food supply for Hawaii's people, providing employment, maintaining a favorable balance of trade, and preserving the aesthetic quality of the Islands." Jerry Ornellas' extensive professional and farming background aptly qualifies him to sit on the Board and to support the Department's commitment. Mr. Ornellas demonstrates his personal commitment to agriculture by the enterprises in which he has been involved. He is a farmer and owner of Agland Management LLC, a producer of tropical fruit. In the past, he was, among other undertakings, a partner in the Kainahola Banana Farm and a manager of Ornellas Dairy. He also served as an agricultural research technician with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii. Mr. Ornellas is also very active with agriculturally-related community organizations. He is the current president of the Kaua'i County Farm Bureau and is a board member of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation. He is the Associate Director of the East Kaua'i Soil and Water Conservation District and is a member of the Food and Agriculture Committee of the Kaua'i Economic Development Board. Mr. Ornellas also sits on the Professional Development Program Advisory Committee of the Western Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Professional Development Program. A current member of the Agriculture Board, he has, in the past, served as a member of the Important Agricultural Lands Technical Advisory Committee.

We believe his extensive background will make Mr. Ornellas a valued and productive member of the Board and respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination to the Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on and support Governor's Message 689.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 689 Gubernatorial Nominee Jerry Ornellas for
Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Agriculture
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Thursday, April 10, 2014, 2:45PM, Room 225

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.

The Nature Conservancy supports the nomination of Jerry Ornellas to continue on the Board of Agriculture.

We appreciate Jerry's many years of experience as an active farmer and his thoughtful approach to the resources necessary for a thriving economy, environment and quality of life in Hawai'i.

Jerry sees the big picture, is a strong and knowledgeable advocate for diversified agriculture, and he appreciates the importance and value of caring for our natural resources. We have been especially grateful for his leadership in support of protection and wise use of the sources and supply of fresh water.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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GM 689 Relating to Confirmation to the Board of Agriculture

Senate Committee on Agriculture
Thursday, April 10, 2014
Conference Room 229 at 2:45 p.m.

Position: Support appointment of Jerry Ornellas to the Board of Agriculture

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

Our testimony is in support of the nomination of Jerry Ornellas to be the representative of Kaua`i to the Hawaii Board of Agriculture, as noted in the Governor's Message 689. Mr. Ornellas has many years of experience working with a diverse range of crops, with animal agriculture and with policy that impacts the success of Hawaii farmers and ranchers.

Jerry has a deep understanding of water and land needs for farmers and ranchers from boards he currently sits on and has been part of, primarily as a volunteer that cares enough about agriculture to dedicate much of his personal time to support the needs of agriculture. As a farmer himself, he knows the challenges and needs of the broader agriculture community and has done much to share this information with others less familiar with farming in the local communities of Kaua`i and across the State of Hawaii. Mr. Ornellas grew up gaining an understanding of livestock and dairy production, spent many years working with agriculture research, and continues to farm. He has made many contributions that support diversified sustainable agriculture. Jerry Ornellas has dedicated many hours to bringing together people with different viewpoints on agriculture to help resolve issues and increase understanding of farming practices, agriculture operations, and coexistence of farming methods. Jerry works with organic farmers and small farmers to help improve their production and economic opportunities.

Jerry Ornellas has both the background and dedication one would want to see in an individual selected to sit on the Board of Agriculture. He has spent many hours of his personal time contributing to needs and interests of farmers and is an outstanding nominee for the Hawaii Board of Agriculture for Kaua`i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the appointment of Jerry Ornellas.

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Charles W Spitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the re-appointment of Jerry Ornellas who is one of the hardest working and best informed farmers that I know. His experience encompasses a family farming operation that has included fruits, vegetables and dairy operations, and he worked at UH Manoa's CTAHR Extension Farm in Wailua. He is a dedicated and enormously well-prepared supporter of agriculture as evidenced by the large amount of time he has spent on various boards, committees and organizations assisting farmers and members of the public interested in Hawai'i agriculture.

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Keith	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Galimba	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jerry Ornellas represents the best in Hawaii agriculture and his re-appointment is in the best interests of the people of Hawaii.

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Duane K. Okamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Arumugam Katir	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have worked with Mr. Ornellas since 2000 in his position as president of the East Kauai Water Users Cooperative. He is familiar with both local and state agricultural issues and brings much needed expertise to the Board of Agriculture. We strongly support his reappointment.

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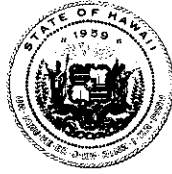
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Dean J. Okimoto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Dean J. Okimoto, and I am president of Nalo Farms, and past president of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. I am in strong support of Jerry Ornellas's appointment to the Board of Agriculture. Jerry has served many years as a board member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, and even as Vice-President, under my tenure as President. He has always been a knowledgeable and great supporter of agriculture, and is a true asset to the agricultural community. Therefore, I would like to strongly support and recommend Jerry for this position on the Board of Agriculture.

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, Vice Chair
April 10, 2014

Testimony in **SUPPORT** of Gubernatorial Nominee:

JERRY ORNELLAS - GM 689

State Board of Agriculture

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

It is with great pride that I submit my support for confirmation of **JERRY ORNELLAS** to serve as a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

As a former member of the Kauai County Council and now as a member of the Hawaii State Legislature, I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Ornellas on the preservation and sustainability of our agriculture industry. Mr. Ornellas is a true legacy of his farming roots on Kauai; since the age of 16 growing up on a dairy farm to present with his own successful production of fruit orchard crops. Most extraordinary is Mr. Ornella's deep passion as a proponent of locally grown agricultural products; he recognizes the wide spectrum of industry stakeholders from the farmers, ranchers, retailers and restaurants and supports their efforts to bring fresh, locally grown produce to our island residents and visitors.

With his vast knowledge on critical agriculture issues and programs paired with his amazing leadership qualities, Mr. Ornellas has for many years served tirelessly as a member and director level on critically important farming committees and boards such as the Kauai County Farm Bureau, East Kauai Water Users Cooperative and the Kauai Economic Development Board. Mr. Ornellas understands the struggles and achievements of a local island farmer and he will contribute a unique synergy to the mix on the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for your time and consideration to confirm Jerry Ornellas to the Board of Agriculture.

Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, 14th District
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Alex Franco	Individual	Support	No

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April 9, 2014

Senate Agriculture Committee
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: Governor's Messages 689 and 690, respectively Reappointing Jerry Ornellas and Michelle Galimba to the Board of Agriculture, State of Hawaii

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

Both Jerry Ornellas and Michelle Galimba are hard working, "salt of the earth", successful agricultural producers who have served Hawaii extremely well as members of the Board of Agriculture (BOA) for the past four years. Jerry and Michelle should be confirmed to second terms on the BOA, because without any doubt, they will continue to be thoughtful advocates for agriculture in Hawaii. With their families' histories tied directly to agriculture in Hawaii for generations, they come as members to the BOA with great respect and sense of responsibility for the future of agriculture in our state. As reflected in their past experience and resumes, the diverse perspectives they offer – from Kaua`i to Ka`u, from fruit orchards to ranching, from CTAHR to Chinese literature – will serve the industry extremely well. Their involvement as leaders with agricultural and community organizations statewide are also a testament to their dedication and commitment to agriculture and to Hawaii.

Having served with Jerry and Michelle on the BOA, I can say unequivocally that they will continue to provide innovative leadership for this critical industry. They both work extremely well with the other members of the BOA in developing solid solutions and positive direction for the complex agricultural issues that require extensive research and collaboration. With their continued guidance, agriculture in Hawaii will continue to grow and thrive into the 21st century.

Please consider my strong support for Jerry Ornellas and Michelle Galimba in your deliberations. You can be confident that they will serve all of Hawaii well as members of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my view.

Russell S. Kokubun

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Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	No

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Sandi Kato-Klutke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of Jerry Ornellas. He has dedicated his life to Agriculture and works tirelessly for the farmers. Please vote yes Thank you Sandi Kato-Klutke

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John McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jerry Ornellas is an outstanding selection for appointment to the Board of Agriculture. Jerry is a life long farmer with a big heart. I humbly ask that you favorably consider his appointment.

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Joe McClure	Individual	Support	No

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Rodney Haraguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support nominee, Jerry Ornellas, to the Board of Agriculture. Jerry is a very dedicated farmer and works tirelessly to support all agriculture as President of the Kauai Farm Bureau. Jerry will be an asset to the Board with his many years of experience and he brings a vast knowledge of diversified agriculture.

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Laurie Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha from Lihue, Kauai. I wish to strongly support Jerry L Ornellas, in his bid to serve a second term as Kauai's representative to the Board Of Agriculture. Jerry is a very special individual with book learned knowledge and a lifetime of agricultural experiences. He has successfully farmed on his family owned farm and retired from the University of Hawaii's Wailua Research Station. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit supportive testimony on behalf of Mr. Jerry L Ornellas.

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Leonard J. Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: He is a strong leader in the agriculture industry statewide and dedicated supporter for small farmers.

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John Brooks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please approve Jerry Ornellas for this position, he has the experience and knowledge to do a good job for all of us.

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Richard Ha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have served with Jerry Ornellas on the Board of Agriculture. Jerry is supportive of achieving food security. He is thoughtful and principled. I have known him for close to 30 years as members of the Hawaii Banana Industry Association. He was always for the greater good. He is a man of great integrity. I highly recommend that Jerry be reappointed to the board of agriculture.

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Gregory Friel	Individual	Support	No

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Marj Stanphill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jerry Ornellas has been a tremendous supporter of agriculture on Kauai and it is a pleasure to work with someone as knowledgeable as Jerry.

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April 9, 2014

Senate Agriculture Committee
Hawaii State Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: Governor's Messages 689 and 690, respectively Reappointing Jerry Ornellas and Michelle Galimba to the Board of Agriculture, State of Hawaii

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

I strongly support the appointment of Mr. Jerry Ornellas and Ms. Michelle Galimba to the Board of Agriculture, State of Hawaii. Both Mr. Ornellas and Ms. Galimba are strong advocates for agriculture not only for their respective islands of Kauai and the Big Island but for the entire State of Hawaii. I am serving with the both of them and I know that they will continue to provide innovative leadership for agriculture in Hawaii. They are both very knowledgeable of agriculture issues in the State and with their guidance agriculture will continue to grow.

Agriculture is at a crossroads with the many issues that threaten their existence (Anti-GMO, pesticide issues, food safety, etc.). We need leaders such as Mr. Ornellas and Ms. Galimba to keep agriculture in Hawaii viable for many years to come.

I strongly support them both and I humbly ask for your support in your deliberations to reappoint them to the Board of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Clark Hashimoto
Manager
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Clyde Fukuyama	Individual	Support	No

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Joey Silva	Individual	Support	No

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Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Nishihara and committee members, My name is Alan Takemoto. I strongly support the nomination of Jerry Ornellas. I have worked with Mr. Ornellas for many years on addressing some of the most complex issues in the state. His background, knowledge, and expertise will serve well for the Board of Agriculture. As a person, Mr. Ornellas is greatly respected for his honesty and integrity. I urge you to approve GM 689 confirming Mr. Jerry Ornellas to the State Board of Agriculture. Mahalo, Alan Takemoto

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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	Yes

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Ronald Weidenbach	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jerry Ornellas is a very experienced agricultural producer and leader who understands the many complex issues faced by Hawaii's farming and ranching community. His personal knowledge of Hawaii agriculture will add greatly to the knowledge base and balanced decision making abilities of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

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Janet Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I offer my strongest support of Jerry Ornellas to the Board of Agriculture. In my capacity as an agricultural environmental regulatory specialist, I have worked with Hawaii farmers and ranchers for 25 years. I am honored to know Jerry. Recently retired from a career at UH CTAHR, working to help other farmers, Jerry is himself, an experienced fourth generation farmer who is dedicated to keeping agriculture viable in Hawaii. This is not an easy task due to the high costs of land and labor, distance from markets, accessibility of water, competition from mainland and foreign countries, and prevalence of destructive insects and diseases, among other factors. Jerry is a kind and generous man who volunteers so much of his time and energy and is indefatigable in his enthusiasm to share his knowledge with others for sustainable agriculture in Hawaii. He has been instrumental in developing and implementing projects to benefit farmers and ranchers, while helping to foster understanding of farming by the public. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of Jerry's confirmation to the Board of Agriculture.

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Aloha Senators,

May I humbly add my name to the list of supporters of **Mr. Jerry Ornellas from the island of Kauai**, as he is willing and very enthusiastic to continue serving on the **Board of Agriculture** for another term.

Jerry is a farmer. He is passionate when it comes to “caring for our aina” and basically, does his very best to be a good spokesperson for all forms of Agriculture in Hawaii. For those of us who have the privilege of knowing Jerry, we can truthfully say... he is “always there”...he is “committed”!

No one finer to continue to be of service to Hawaii’s Agricultural partnerships and the community state wide. Thursday, April 10th, he will be coming before your committee for confirmation, and we are asking for your kind consideration of his appointment.

A grateful Mahalo from the island of Kauai for your vote of confidence in **JERRY!**

Stephanie Iona

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James S, Greenwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Jerry's past experience as a Board member is of value and he has served with distinction.

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Chris Manfredi	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Ryan Oyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Members of the Agriculture Committee, My name is Ryan Oyama and I am a registered voter in Kalaheo, Kauai. I strongly support the nomination of Jerry Ornellas to the Board of Agriculture. Jerry has tremendous experience in agriculture, as a farmer, as part of UH-CTAHR's research effort, and as a leader in the agricultural community. I currently serve on the Kauai County Farm Bureau Board where Jerry is the President. I am continually impressed with the breadth of his expertise, the passion he has for agriculture, and his leadership skills. He is and will continue to be an asset on the Board and for Hawaii's agricultural sector. Mahalo,
-Ryan Oyama

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