

GM690 Testimony

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

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 690
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MICHELLE GALIMBA, 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. 690, for the consideration and confirmation of Michelle Galimba to the Board of Agriculture. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) would like to express its strong support for Michelle's nomination and reconfirmation to the board.

Michelle is currently a rancher, co-manager, and shareholder of Kuahiwi Ranch. As a rancher and co-manager of Kuahiwi Ranch, Michelle has a wealth of experience regarding many aspects of running a small agricultural business, including grant writing, specialized livestock handling, and management skills. As a manager of Kuahiwi ranch, Michelle has overseen the ranch's development to meet changing market situations and customer preferences.

Michelle is active in the agricultural community; currently the Ka'u Farm Bureau Director, the Chairperson of the Hawaii Beef Industry Council, a member of the Ka'u Agricultural Water Steering Committee, the secretary of the Hawaii County 4-H Livestock Committee, and a member of the Ka'u Community Development Plan Steering Committee. Michelle has also served in the past as the President of the Hawaii Cattleman's Association from



2010-2012, the co-chair of the Taste of the Hawaii Range in 2008, Ka'u Soil and Water Conservation District Director from 2005-2010, and Director of the Big Island Resource Conservation and Development Council from 2007-2010. As a current member of the Board of Agriculture, Michelle is a vital contributor to Board deliberations, bringing a rancher's perspective to all discussions.

Based on Michelle'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 Michelle to the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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April 10, 2014

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON GM 690
Confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee Michelle Galimba

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 Michelle Galimba to the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

Michelle Galimba is a complete agriculturalist. She possesses a remarkable understanding of natural and human systems and the inseparable interactions between them.

She is a well-educated second generation rancher. Having grown up on dairies on Oahu and Hawaii Island, her agricultural roots run deep. She currently co-manages a 10,000 acre cow-calf operation with her family that specializes in supplying local markets with pasture raised natural beef from several herds including heritage breeds. Hers is an operation that serves as a model representing a paradigm shift for Hawaii's livestock industry that would reduce the State's dependence on imports.

She has extensive knowledge of nutrient and water cycles, pasture and herd management, environmental and regulatory issues, marketing and distribution and she is an extraordinary communicator.

She is a capable volunteer who believes in building sustainable and resilient communities.

Her forward thinking coupled with her extensive experience is vital to the Board.

While her operation has grown under her leadership, she remains humble and is forever looking to balance interests of all stakeholders in the community.

I can think of no better candidate for Hawaii's Board of Agriculture. The State of Hawaii is fortunate to have her serve in this role. We applaud Governor Abercrombie for his wise appointment.

Thank you for confirming Michelle Galimba to the Board of Agriculture.

Yours in agriculture,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Chris Manfredi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Chris Manfredi

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Jason Moniz	Hamakua County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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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 Michelle Galimba to the Board of Agriculture. Michelle is a tireless advocate of our ranchers and farmers in Hawaii and comes from a multi generational ranching family. Please let her continue her efforts for the good of Hawaii Agriculture as a whole. Thanks for your consideration.

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David S. De Luz, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

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GM 690, Michelle Galimba
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.

With most of Hawaii's farmers at the average age of 60, it is refreshing to see a young agricultural producer/rancher willing to serve another term on the Hawaii Board of Agriculture. Lucky for Hawaii, Michelle Galimba returned home to the Big Island after obtaining her PH.D. in Comparative Literature to join the family cattle operations, Kuahiwi Ranch, which grew from a 200 to 10,000 acre ranch.

In addition to experience with the cattle industry, she has been involved with the papaya and coffee industries and has developed a broad network of agriculture producers. Her family's decision to hold cattle in Hawaii for local consumption instead of shipping them to the mainland for finishing led to becoming more engaged with issues of food security and the need to strengthen the current agriculture infrastructure to support increased food self-sufficiency. Her collaborative style to optimize the potential of the group she is working with has led to leadership roles in the Hawaii Cattlemen's Association, the Ka'u County Farm Bureau, and with the Agricultural Leadership Program of Hawaii.

Your support of Michelle Galimba's re-appointment to 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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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Thursday April 10, 2014 2:45 p.m. Room 229

GM 690 MICHELLE GALIMBA NOMINATION

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, gubernatorial nominee,
MICHELLE GALIMBA, 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 690, the nomination of Michelle Galimba for the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

Michelle is a leader in the Hawaii Cattle industry. She is the immediate past president of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Association, our Big Island Chapter and is currently President of the Hawaii Beef Industry Council, our beef promotion association which administers the Federal Beef Check-off. Michelle works with her family, raising cattle, and they have worked hard to create a brand and market for their product in local niche markets. Whenever our State-wide industry association has asked Michelle for help on any project she has more than willingly stepped up. Michelle has great integrity and is a very hard working individual. Michelle will continue to represent the agricultural industry well on the Board of Agriculture.

On a personal note, I served on the State Board of Agriculture for two years with Michelle and ALWAYS found her to be 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 Michelle Galimba.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 690: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Hawai'i State Board of Agriculture,
Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHELLE GALIMBA, 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 690 submitting Governor Abercrombie's nomination of **Michelle Galimba to the Hawai'i State Board of Agriculture (the *Agriculture Board* or the *Board*)**. **We submit this testimony in strong support of Ms. Galimba's 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 Hawai'i's people, providing employment, maintaining a favorable balance of trade, and preserving the aesthetic quality of the Islands." Michelle Galimba's strong professional and farming background equips her to sit on the Board and to support the Department's commitment. She comes from a long line of dairy and cattle farmers, and today helps to manage the Galimba family's Kuahiwi Ranch in Na'alehu on Hawai'i Island. Holding a doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley in comparative literature, she nonetheless ably assumes the Ranch's marketing and accounting operations.

Producer of Kuahiwi natural beef, Ms. Galimba has been an advocate of food sustainability and economic diversification for Hawai'i. Currently sitting on the Agriculture Board, she also sits on the Board of the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i. This organization's mission is to provide leadership development opportunities for those in agriculture, natural resource management, and rural communities who are committed to strengthening agriculture in Hawai'i. Ms. Galimba is also a past president of the Hawai'i Cattlemen's Association.

We believe this background will make Ms. Galimba a valued and productive member of the Board and respectfully request that you recommend approval of her nomination to the Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on and support Governor's Message 690.



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

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports GM 690, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Michelle Galimba, 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 Michelle Galimba's re-nomination to the Board of Agriculture.

Ms. Galimba has a long history of ranching experience and lends a practical voice to the Board of Agriculture. As a former leader of the Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council, she is one of the strongest advocates in the state on behalf of our local ranching industry. She is a thoughtful person and one of the next generation of future agricultural leaders. The State of Hawai'i will be well served by her continued participation on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Ms. Galimba's nomination.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner

Kyle Datta
General Partner

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 690 Gubernatorial Nominee Michelle Galimba 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 Michelle Galimba to continue on the Board of Agriculture.

Michelle and her family apply principles of sound stewardship not only to their Kuahiwi Ranch, but also to the resources and the community of Ka'ū. We are honored and grateful to be their neighboring landowner in Ka'ū. The expert management of their ranch and resources contributes to the health of our neighboring forest preserve. When landowners and managers give proper care to their lands like the Galimbas and also work hand-in-hand with neighbors and their community, we all benefit and help to ensure a sustainable future for Hawai'i. We believe Michelle will continue to bring this philosophy of stewardship to the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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April 8, 2014

The Honorable Clarence Nishihara
Chairman
State Capitol, Room 229
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of GMR622, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corp, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHELLE GALIMBA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Dear Chairman Nishihara and members of the Committee:

Thank you very for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Michelle Galimba. My name is Denise Hayashi Yamaguchi and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaii Ag and Culinary Alliance and the Hawaii Agricultural Foundation.

I have known Michelle from her participation in the Hawaii Food & Wine Festival since its inception in 2011. In this capacity, she has always been willing to talk to chefs and the public about the importance of supporting local farmers and ranchers. As a female rancher, she is also an inspiration for other young women. Michelle brings a depth of knowledge and expertise to the board that will serve the Agribusiness Development Corp well. Please accept my support for her nomination.

Sincerely,

Denise Hayashi Yamaguchi

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Dean J. Okimoto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: my name is Dean J. Okimoto, President of Nalo Farms, and past President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. I am submitting testimony in strong support of Michele Galimba, for the Board of the Dept. of Agriculture. Michele comes from a ranching family and has always been engaged in discussions on the future of agriculture and in particular, the future of livestock production in Hawaii. She is a staunch advocate for that industry and is very knowledgeable about the livestock industry, as well as having a passion for sustainable food production in the Islands. I strongly support and recommend Michele to continue her participation on the Board of Agriculture for the future of agriculture in Hawaqqii.

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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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John McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Michelle Galimba is an excellent choice to represent the farming and ranching community interests on the Board of Agriculture. Please favorably consider he appointment to the Board.

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Laurie Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I wish to speak in support of Hawaii island ranch woman, Michelle Galimba. I urge the Senate Agriculture committee to approve Michelle's nomination to the Board Of Agriculture. She is young and smart and well spoken. Thank you for this opportunity to submit positive testimony for Michelle.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Brooks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please approve the appointment of Michelle Galimba. She will do a god job fairly representing constructive agriculture.

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Richard Ha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I highly support the reappointment of Michelle Galimba to the board of agriculture. I served with her on the board. She is an independent thinker who makes decisions from a pono place. Her moral compass is clear. As a rancher, she knows what hard work, meeting a payroll and accomplishing things in a timely manner means. She has an abundance of common sense. Yet, she has an advanced degree in Chinese literature.. I highly recommend that Michelle Galimba be reappointed to the Board of Agriculture.

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Gregory Friel	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

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
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Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Nishihara and committee members: My name is Alan Takemoto. I strongly support Michelle Galimba to the State Board of Agriculture. She is very knowledgeable of the issues facing farmers and ranchers. She will be an asset to the Board of Agriculture and can provide the valuable insight and expertise. Please support her nomination. Mahalo, Alan Takemoto

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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	Yes

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Ronald Weidenbach	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Michelle Galimba is a very experienced rancher and agricultural leader who understands the many complex issues faced by Hawaii's ranching and farming community. Her 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 strongly support Michelle Galimba for confirmation to the Board of Agriculture. Thank you.

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James S, Greenwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have served in various capacities with Michelle and can attest to her passion for the success of local agriculture and the energy she is willing to commit to any job she takes on.

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Chris Manfredi	Individual	Support	Yes

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