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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON GM 661
RELATING TO NOMINATION OF JAMES GOMES TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Room 224
2:45 PM

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 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.

HFB strongly supports GM661, seeking the confirmation of Mr. James Gomes to continue serving on the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Gomes is known for his love of the land. He not only speaks of stewardship but embraces it as part of his life. He has served as a volunteer on numerous boards and commissions demonstrating his aloha and willingness to give back to the community.

Mr. Gomes' current position as Operations Manager for Ulupalakua Ranch puts him in a position to implement his beliefs in his day to day management of the Ranch. They work towards preserving natural wildlife and flora while operating a working ranch. He demonstrates how conservation can be balanced with use of the land.

We respectfully request your strong support towards the confirmation of Mr. James Gomes to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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