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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**APRIL 12, 2017
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 768
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DOUGLAS SCHENK, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-
2021**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 768 that submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Douglas Schenk, for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Schenk.

Mr. Schenk currently serves on the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board of Directors and provides an important voice to the Board through his extensive agricultural experience. Mr. Schenk has worked for the pineapple industry in Maui for many years and provides an important perspective to the Board.

Mr. Schenk understands the importance of partnerships and we look forward to her participation on the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.



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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 768
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OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DOUGLAS SCHENK,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC"). The ADC is in strong support for the nomination of Douglas "Doug" Schenk to the ADC board of directors.

Doug has an extensive background in agriculture, business, and community relations. He is currently a Partner in the Hali'maile Pineapple Company where he serves as Director, and Chairman of the Board. As an agriculture enthusiast, Doug has dedicated his life to pineapple production for Maui Pineapple Company, Incorporated since 1976. He started as a management trainee and worked his way up the ladder to become president from

1993 - 2003. In addition, he has served as an advisor to the Department of Education – Natural Resources Advisory Board member, Board of Governors, Hawaii Employers Council - member and presently a Board Director of the Maui Federal Credit Union.

Since his appointment to the ADC Board of Directors in 2013, Doug has brought tremendous leadership, and invaluable business experience. He is an accomplished professional and is a valued asset to the Board.

The ADC is confident that Doug will continue to make significant contributions to the ADC Board and is in strong support of his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

GM 768

Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation

DOUGLAS SCHENK

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Chair Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair Gil Riviere 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 Douglas Schenk to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Mr. Schenk is well suited to continue to support the mission of the ADC. His broad experience in agriculture and management provide valuable input to this organization. His commitment to and experience in agriculture throughout the decades is valuable to the role ADC is playing in the transitioning of agriculture.

Please confirm the appointment of Douglas Schenk to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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April 12, 2017

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TESTIMONY ON GM 768

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, DOUGLAS SCHENK, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Room 224
1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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 the confirmation of Mr. Douglas Schenk to the to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Mr. Schenk has vast experience in managing agricultural businesses and projects. Most recently he has served as chairman of the board of directors for Hallimaile Pineapple Company on Maui. His education and many years of experience in the agriculture industry combine with his integrity and dedication to our community to make Mr. Schenk the ideal candidate to represent Maui on the ADC board.

HFB respectfully requests your strong support of Mr. Douglas Schenk to the to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our support for Mr. Schenk.

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Alan Gottlieb	Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

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Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	No

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

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J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

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Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Chair Gabbard and committee members: My name is Alan Takemoto. I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Doug Schenk to the ADC board. Mr. Schenk has been a great asset and valuable leader in the agricultural industry. His knowledge and expertise will be very valuable to the ADC board. Please support the passage of his nomination. Mahalo, Alan Takemoto

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From: [Rock Riggs](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: FW: ADC questions and Answers please confirm you have received this
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 9:10:38 AM

From: Douglas Schenk [mailto:dougschenk@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 8:27 AM
To: Rock Riggs <r.riggs@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: ADC questions and Answers please confirm you have received this

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the ADC?

I believe our locally produced food products need to be healthy, varied, and increasing in supply. I think ADC can and should be apart of making this happen. Being involved with agriculture my entire adult life has given me a unique business perspective on virtually all aspects of agricultural and food production in Hawaii. I now have time in my life to volunteer to assist in an industry important to Hawaii.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the ADC?

I view our main responsibility is to make sure we are focused on our mission to get qualified farmers using State Land and water resources to produce food products. We also serve to be a supporter and constructive critic of ADC management and each other.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of the ADC, why do you believe you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, experiences, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the ADC.

I have been involved in agriculture in Hawaii for the past fifty years. After graduating from University of Hawaii in 1975 with a bachelor degree in Tropical Agriculture, I joined Maui Land and Pineapple co. as a management trainee. My training and duties over the twenty seven years with ML&P included all aspects of business and agricultural production. This includes, crop production, food processing, reservoir and irrigation design and installation, sales and marketing, and all aspects of management from front line supervision, to executive management.

Currently, I am a partner in an agricultural company call, Maui Gold Pineapple, located on the island of Maui. We are in the business of producing fresh pineapple, and related by products.

4.) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of serving?

I am committed to increasing food production in Hawaii, my service on ADC is a good way to make that happen.

5.) Name three qualities that best describe you and make you stand out. How would these

qualities benefit the ADC.

The three qualities that best describe me are:

- a). I am not afraid of the unknown, or to take a stand.
- b). I am a good listener, and willing to trust people.
- c). I work hard and am goal and results oriented.

Agriculture is a tough and challenging endeavor. To be successful in agriculture many factors must come together in a timely way. I have experienced and seen virtually everything from great success to great failure. All the qualities will serve me well on the ADC board.

6.) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the ADC?

Maui Pineapple Co. was experiencing large financial losses the year I was appointed president of the company. After intense study and consideration, we decided to file an antidumping case against Thailand producers of canned pineapple. We were successful in our case. This help ML&P significantly. This experience taught me sometimes bold and unpopular actions are necessary to carry out ones fiduciary duties.

7.) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on ADC? How would you overcome any possible conflict of interest?

I see no conflicts of interest at this time. If one came to light I would recuse myself from working.

Douglas R. Schenk

4/5/2017