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Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

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Deputy to the Chairperson

**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 811
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, RANDOLPH CABRAL, 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 811 that submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Randolph Cabral, for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. The Department supports the confirmation of Randolph Cabral.

Mr. Cabral has ample experiences as a farmer serving in local agricultural industries such as sugar and macadamia nut. He has many ties to the agricultural community in the State through participation in the Cattleman's Association, Moaula Water Cooperative, Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association, Hawaii Agricultural Leadership Foundation, Soil and Water Conservations Districts, and as the current president of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Cabral will bring a great perspective on agriculture that will enrich Board discussions and we look forward to his participation on the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.





Hawaii Agriculture Research Center

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

GM 811

Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Agriculture

RANDOLPH CABRAL

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 Randolph Cabral to the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Cabral currently is the president of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, a member of the national Farm Bureau Federation. He has a long history of practical agricultural management from large-scale farming operations in sugarcane and macadamia nuts. His recent responsibility for the Hawaii Farm Bureau exposes him to the challenges of the agricultural transition currently underway.

He will bring a broad understanding of the business of farming, with a detailed understanding of what makes a farm operationally sustainable and financially sound.

Please confirm the appointment of Randolph Cabral to the Board of Agriculture.



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 — 1:15 p.m. — Room 224

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports GM 811, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Randolph Cabral, for a term to expire 6-30-2021

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

We are Murray Clay, Kyle Datta, and Amy Hennessey, the management team of the Ulupono Initiative, 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 produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and reduce waste. Ulupono believes that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono strongly supports GM 811, which approves the confirmation of Randolph Cabral to the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Cabral is a proven agricultural entrepreneur and a long time advocate for farmers in Hawai'i. Under his leadership, the Hawaii Farm Bureau joined the Local Food Coalition, which supports all forms of agriculture. Mr. Cabral is a perceptive listener and has a deep understanding of the practical needs of farmers. These skill sets are important assets for the Board of Agriculture.

We are impressed with Mr. Cabral's work and feel he would make a great member of the Board of Agriculture. We look forward to working with him in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Murray Clay
Managing Partner

Kyle Datta
General Partner

Amy Hennessey
Director of Communications

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 6:22 PM
To: AEN Testimony
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Subject: *Submitted testimony for GM811 on Apr 12, 2017 13:15PM*

GM811

Submitted on: 4/10/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:

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April 12, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON GM 811

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDOLPH CABRAL, 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 Darren Strand, Vice-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 nomination of Mr. Randy Cabral to the to the Board of Agriculture.

As the current President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, Mr. Cabral works on a wide variety of policy issues concerning the needs, challenges and opportunities faced by farmers across the State. Mr. Cabral has an extensive background and understanding of Hawaii's diverse agricultural industries and will be an asset the to the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Cabral's diverse professional background in agriculture includes experience in orchard crops, vegetable crops, sugar, and livestock production. Randy has been involved in agriculture for over 45 years, recently retired from a long career in the macadamia farming business. He also spent more than a decade in Hawaii's sugar industry and many years farming root crops such as ginger and kalo. He currently operates a small ranching operation on the Big Island.

HFB respectfully requests your strong support of Mr. Randy Cabral to the to the Board of Agriculture.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our unconditional support for Mr. Cabral.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 9:44 PM
To: AEN Testimony
Cc: dale@hicattle.org
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Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Cabral brings a depth of experience of agriculture and a sincere desire to advance the viability of the industry to the Board. We respectfully request approval of his nomination. Thank you.

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OUR MISSION

HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy economy.

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**IN STRONG SUPPORT OF RANDOLPH CABRAL'S NOMINATION
TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
April 12, 2017, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Chair Gabbard and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy state economy.

HCIA strongly supports the nomination of Randolph Cabral to the Board of Agriculture. Randy has extensive experience in and knowledge of Hawaii's agricultural industry. With more than 45 years of experience in agriculture, Randy is currently the president of the Hawaii Farm Bureau and owner of a ranching operation on the Big Island. This makes him well equipped to serve on the Board that provides policy direction for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

Comments: I have know and worked with Randy Cabral for over 20 years and always found him to be an intelligent, thoughtful and well respected individual in the Agricultural Industry. He will be an excellent choice for the Hawaii Board of Agriculture.

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Chair Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment:

SUBJECT: GM 811, Randolph Cabral,
Board Of Agriculture

I am Paul Oshiro, providing written testimony in support for the confirmation of Randolph Cabral to the Board of Agriculture.

I have been personally acquainted with Randolph during his tenure as the President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. In this position, Randolph has worked with numerous entities and individuals to strongly advocate for farmers, ranchers, and Hawaii's agricultural industry. His extensive professional experience with various agricultural entities has equipped Randolph with the knowledge, insight, and ability to assess and ably handle the many diverse issues faced by the Board of Agriculture.

Randolph is approachable, pleasant, and a hard working individual. He has the ability to collaboratively work with others to resolve conflicts in a fair and respectful manner. He has the experience, skills, and management style to continue as an effective steward of our agricultural industry. Randolph's dedication and commitment are positive attributes that will be of tremendous benefit to the Board of Agriculture.

It is based on these observations that I support Randolph Cabral's appointment to the Board of Agriculture. We are all extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated individual volunteering his personal time to public service.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2017 3:42 PM
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PHIL BECKER	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Cabral has worked in the Ag field for many years and is very much qualified to be on the Agricultural committee. He is now the President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau and doing an outstanding job. Being the President of HFBF gives him the opportunity to collect information from farmers, ranchers, and many other types of businesses related to agriculture. Thank you for considering Mr. Cabral. He will very much be an asset to the committee. Phil Becker

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Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support Randy Cabral for your consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture. Randy has a extensive experience with production agriculture that includes cattle, diversified agricultural crops along with large scale production of macadamia nuts and sugarcane. He has demonstrated his ability to lead and collaborate for the greater good of all agriculture. I respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Randy Cabral, GM 811 to the Board of Agriculture. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 6:35:59 PM

From: grahammr@gmail.com <Matthew Graham>

Message:

Mahalo

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Wednesday, April 12th, 2017

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SUPPORT for GM 811 - Gubernatorial Nominee Randy Cabral

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RE: GM 811 Appointment to the Board of Agriculture (SUPPORT)

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Please Support GM 811, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Board of Agriculture.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Matthew Graham

Nursery Manager

Kihei

HI

From: [Alika Napier](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 6:37:02 PM

From: aliks1011@gmail.com <Alika Napier >

Message:

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Alika Napier

From: [Randall Yokoyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 6:38:02 PM

From: rjyoko@gmail.com <Randall Yokoyama>

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Randall Yokoyama

From: [Jason Moniz](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 6:38:59 PM

From: jasonmoniz73@gmail.com <Jason Moniz>

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Jason Moniz

From: [Sarah Thompson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 6:49:50 PM

From: sarahentm@gmail.com <Sarah Thompson>

Message:

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Sarah Thompson

Breeding Projects Coordinator

Lawai

HI

From: [Mario Gaggero](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 6:54:54 PM

From: tanegg@gmail.com <Mario Gaggero >

Message:

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Mario Gaggero

Manager

Kihei

HI

From: [Mark Kennett](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 7:16:58 PM

From: markkennett2000@yahoo.com <Mark Kennett>

Message:

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Mark Kennett

Kaunakani

HI

From: [Sarah Styan](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 7:18:40 PM

From: sarah.styan@hawaiiintel.net <Sarah Styan>

Message:

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Sarah Styan

Hanapepe

HI

From: [John Gordines](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 7:25:05 PM

From: gordines@kauaiflowers.com <John Gordines>

Message:

I support Randy Cabral to Board of Ag. He is a man of experience and integrity.

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John Gordines

Kapaa

HI

From: [Joni Kamiya](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 7:31:26 PM

From: jonikamiya@gmail.com <Joni Kamiya>

Message:

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Joni Kamiya

From: [Aileen Yeh](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 7:38:11 PM

From: akfwyeh@gmail.com <Aileen Yeh>

Message:

I have known Randy Cabral for many years, being involved with him through the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Hawaii Agriculture Leadership Foundation, and the many organizations he has been involved in. Randy is an amazing person. He is HONEST, earnest, hardworking, smart, and has Hawaii's future at heart. I strongly support his appointment. He truly understands agriculture in Hawaii.

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Aileen Yeh

From: [Blaine Grassman](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:07:18 PM

From: jangrassman@aol.com <Blaine Grassman>

Message:

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Blaine Grassman

From: [Rhonda Stoltzfus](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:35:59 PM

From: stoltzfus34@yahoo.com <Rhonda Stoltzfus>

Message:

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Rhonda Stoltzfus

Mom

Kihei

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From: [Stacie Sasagawa](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:36:14 PM

From: ssasagawa@hawaii.rr.com <Stacie Sasagawa>

Message:

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From: [James Rittenhouse](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 9:31:41 PM

From: mokione@aol.com <James Rittenhouse>

Message:

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From: [Elton Mow](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 10:28:30 PM

From: orchidplantation@gmail.com <Elton Mow>

Message:

Randy Cabral will make a great addition to the Board representing farmers and ranchers

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 10:34:53 PM

From: edward@kawamurafarm.com <Edward Kawamura>

Message:

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 11:27:37 PM

From: waihale@hawaiiantel.net <Alvin Tsuruda>

Message:

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 5:03:50 AM

From: stephanieiona@icloud.com <Stephanie Iona>

Message:

A true advocate for agriculture!

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From: [Andrew Arce](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:04:14 AM

From: mahiai13@yahoo.com <Andrew Arce>

Message:

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Andrew Arce

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From: [David Schell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:39:33 AM

From: dschell@islandprincesshawaii.com <David Schell>

Message:

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From: [Michelle Galimba](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:41:41 AM

From: mgalimba@kuahiwiranch.com <Michelle Galimba>

Message:

I have had the privilege of knowing Randy Cabral for many years and he has always provided calm, thoughtful leadership for Hawaii Agriculture.

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From: [Jennifer Perry](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:59:19 AM

From: jperry96778@gmail.com <Jennifer Perry>

Message:

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From: [David Fell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:03:41 AM

From: david1@pacificgrowersupplies.com <David Fell>

Message:

Adding people with real world experience in private enterprise agriculture will give credibility to the DOA board. Please consider Randy's appointment in a favorable manner.

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:04:29 AM

From: melvin@kahukubrand.com <Melvin Matsuda>

Message:

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From: [Karen Ah Mai](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:10:38 AM

From: ahmai@hawaii.rr.com <Karen Ah Mai>

Message:

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From: [Glenn Toyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:22:42 AM

From: hawnflowgrdn@hotmail.com <Glenn Toyama>

Message:

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From: [Sean O'keefe](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:25:03 AM

From: sokeefe@hcsugar.com <Sean O'keefe>

Message:

Randy's over 40 years of experience working in agriculture in Hawaii make him uniquely qualified to serve on the Board of Agriculture. He is a tireless advocate for agriculture in Hawaii and recognizes both its many benefits to the state and what is needed to keep it viable. The Board will be well served by his wisdom, energy, and dedication.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 12:30 PM
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Cc: alan.takemoto@monsanto.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM811 on Apr 12, 2017 13:15PM

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Submitted on: 4/11/2017

Testimony for AEN on Apr 12, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha Chair Gabbard and members of the committee: My name is Alan Takemoto. I strongly support the nomination of Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Cabral is very knowledgeable of the overall agricultural industry in Hawaii. He is balanced and thoughtful in his approach to all of the agricultural issues in Hawaii. Mr. Cabral is currently the President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and has proven that he can lead an organization that seeks to address all issues that will improve the livelihood of farmers and ranchers. Mr. Cabral will be a valuable member to the Board of Agriculture. Please support and approve his nomination. Mahalo, Alan Takemoto

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From: [Scott Hanief](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:32:11 AM

From: shanief@beihawaii.com <Scott Hanief>

Message:

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Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:39:39 AM

From: robert.gandia@outlook.com <Robert Gandia>

Message:

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Manager

From: [Sandi Kato Klutkr](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:50:10 AM

From: skatoklutke@gmail.com <Sandi Kato Klutkr>

Message:

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From: [Guy Ward](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:53:00 AM

From: guybward@gmail.com <Guy Ward>

Message:

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From: [Raymond Foster](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:58:53 AM

From: rfoster252@gmail.com <Raymond Foster>

Message:

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From: [Carolyn Ambrose](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:06:39 AM

From: cambrose@beihawaii.com <Carolyn Ambrose>

Message:

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From: [Thomas L. Beck](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:13:33 AM

From: yellowohia@yahoo.com <Thomas L. Beck>

Message:

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From: [Luana Beck](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:15:04 AM

From: hooluanaranch@yahoo.com <Luana Beck>

Message:

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From: [Fred Kubota](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:18:12 AM

From: fhkubota@beihawaii.com <Fred Kubota>

Message:

I am in support of Randy Cabral to be on the Board of Agriculture for he is an outstanding individual who has tremendous years and knowledge of agriculture. Randy has been a great supporter of agriculture and is honest and has a high level of integrity. His knowledge, experience and quality management experiences will be a big contribution to help guide the future of agriculture in Hawaii.

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:21:54 AM

From: kaohi@kmfarmandranch.co <Ka'ohi Mokuhali'i>

Message:

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Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:25:34 AM

From: papayas@aloha.net <Karen Umehara>

Message:

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From: fmencher@hawaii.rr.com <Frederick Mencher>

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 12:43 PM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Over the last several years I have had the privilege to work with Randy Cabral on many agricultural issues. He is an honest, humble, and experienced farmer and rancher who understands Hawaii agriculture and works hard for the community by serving in many volunteer capacities. Randy is an ideal candidate for membership on the Board of Agriculture because of his knowledge and background, his dedication, and his ability to engage and collaborate with others in order to fully analyze complex issues before making a decision. I hope he will have your support to confirm him as a member of the Board of Agriculture. Thank you.

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

My name is Brian Miyamoto and I am writing in **strong support** of the nomination of Mr. Randy Cabral to the to the Board of Agriculture.

Randy brings a wealth of agricultural experience to this position, having worked in agriculture for over 45 years. Randy's agricultural background includes serving as the Senior Vice-President of Royal Hawaiian Orchids, Orchard Manager of Mauna Loa Macadamia Corporation, and as a Field Superintendent with Mauna Kea Sugar. Randy also served as an Experimentalist with the Hawaii Sugar Planters Association and farmed ginger, Chinese taro and dasheen, and vegetable crops on his family farm. Randy currently operates a cattle ranch on the Big island.

Randy's commitment to the agricultural community in on the Big Island are evident though his membership on numerous boards and community organizations such as the President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Ag Leadership Foundation, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Moaula Water Cooperative, and Hawaii Cattlemen's Association.

Randy's diverse experiences in the agricultural industry and his proven leadership abilities make him an ideal candidate to serve on the Board of Agriculture and I am pleased to support the confirmation of Randy Cabral.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony is strong support of this nominee.

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Subject: I Support GM 811, Appoint Randy Cabral to the Board of Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 12:59:31 PM

From: wmitno@hawaii.rr.com <Wesley Nohara>

Message:

Randy Cabral will make a great director of the BOA. He is very knowledgeable and active in Hawaii Agriculture.

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From: [Eric Weinert](#)
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Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 1:42:22 PM

From: ericw@calavo.com <Eric Weinert>

Message:

We have 80 employees and over 50 grower families at Calavo and are the largest exporter of papaya to the US Mainland. We absolutely support Randy Cabral, who will do an excellent job representing Hawaii Ag interests.

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Eric Weinert

Keaau

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Aloha Senator Gabbard,

My answers to your questions are listed below. Please let me know if you have any further questions or need clarification on any answer. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

1. Why do you wish to serve on the Board of Agriculture?

I believe Hawaii agriculture is at a crossroads. The last sugar plantation has closed, pineapple is no longer the industry it used to be, and controversies over farming practices, water and land use are issues that are changing the face of production agriculture. The policies and decisions made by HDOA will impact the viability of our farmers and ranchers and determine the future of agriculture in our state. It's important that experienced and dedicated farmers are part of the decision-making process and I look forward to devoting my time and energy to this worthy endeavor to insure that.

2. How do you perceive the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Agriculture?

It would be an honor to serve on the Board of Agriculture that is charged with establishing the broad operating policies for the Department. The mandate of the agency – the preservation and productive use of agricultural resources to assure a healthy and adequate food supply, while preserving the aesthetic quality of the islands and employment, and achieving a favorable balance of trade – is aligned with my life long career and community service goals. As a Board member, I would take these responsibilities very seriously and work diligently and cooperatively with the Chair and other members to create a positive path forward and find practical and beneficial solutions to complex ag-related problems.

3. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Agriculture, why do you feel you are qualified for the position?

I have been involved in research and production agriculture in Hawaii for over 40 years. This has provided me a breadth of knowledge and experience that I can draw upon as a member of the Board of Agriculture. In addition to being an independent farmer and rancher, I spent my career working in both large and small scale agriculture in management positions for sugar cane and macadamia production. I have also served on the boards for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association, the Hawaii Farm Bureau, the Ag Leadership Foundation of Hawaii, the Moaula Water Co-op and the University of Hawaii-Hilo Ag Advisory Committee. In addition, I have served on non-agriculture-related boards including Crime Stoppers and Hawaii Island United Way. Because I have both farming and ranching experience and have worked with all types of farmers and ranchers; large and small, conventional, organic, and those using new technologies, I am able to understand the needs of each and ensure that all are appropriately considered.

4. Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Board of Agriculture.

I hope to help develop sound policies, programs and infrastructure that would ensure the viability of agriculture, increase local food production and address the need to educate the general public about food production and farming practices.

5. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service.

I believe my integrity, impartiality and ability to see the bigger picture and plan accordingly are three qualities that differentiate me from others. These characteristics will help me assess policies and issues to ensure that outcomes are fair and in the best interest of Hawaii's agriculture and the public. My broad farming experience allows me to understand and envision the long-term impacts of today's decisions and will help me plan and propose options for discussion.

6. Name 3 qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Board of Agriculture?

My involvement with the Hawaii Farm Bureau over the past 10 years has provided me with a good understanding of issues affecting production agriculture in Hawaii. This experience will enable me to be part of the team to help with decision-making and guide HDOA in developing goals and policies to support our farmers and ranchers.

7. Name one previous experience that would make you stand up. How would this benefit the Board of Agriculture?

I have devoted my career to farming and ranching in Hawaii and helping to ensure that others are successful in agriculture. I have a strong sense of fairness and of what is right and wrong. I pride myself on being impartial in my decisions. Although I do not see any conflicts of interest at this time, should a conflict or a perceived conflict arise, I would make sure that it is brought to the attention of the Chair and the Board and would recuse myself from any discussion or actions taken by the Board.

Mahalo,

Randy Cabral