

GM 812

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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 812
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GLENN HONG, 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 812 that submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Glenn Hong, for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. The Department supports the confirmation of Glenn Hong.

Mr. Hong currently serves on the Board of Agriculture and provides a unique voice to the Board as an experienced professional in the transportation industry. Mr. Hong has served as the President of Young Brothers since 1992 and has found ways to provide incentives for Hawaii's local farmers and ranchers with discounted agricultural rates.

Mr. Hong's experience and commitment to Hawaii's agricultural industry 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 812

Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Agriculture

GLENN HONG

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 Glenn Hong to the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Hong has extension experience in the financial and business sector including interisland shipping. Mr. Hong is well respected for his contributions to several boards and councils supportive of Hawaii's community.

Mr. Hong is an excellent choice to the Board of Agriculture with his experience and expertise in business in Hawaii.

Please confirm the appointment of Glenn Hong to the Board of Agriculture.

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GM812

Submitted on: 4/10/2017

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

Comments:

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GM812

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Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

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April 12, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON GM 812

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN HONG, 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 and reappointment Mr. Glenn Hong to the Board of Agriculture.

Many speak to the importance of agriculture but few are willing to make the commitment needed to implement actions that enhance the industry's ability to support the viability of farmers and ranchers. Mr. Hong, in his current position at Young Brothers has demonstrated a commitment to the industry, willing to listen and seek solutions when challenges are encountered. He understands that plans deliver ideas but it is action that results in true support to the farmer and rancher.

Mr. Hong's pragmatism is critical to the Board during this trying time. His common-sense approach, separating wishful thinking from practical implementation is an important character needed to guide the Board on priorities needed for the industry.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our support for Mr. Glenn Hong.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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GM812

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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April 12, 2017

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Sen. Mike Gabbard, Chair; Sen. Gil Riviere, Vice Chair; and Committee Members
Public Hearing, April 12, 2017, 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 224, State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL OF THE MARITIME GROUP
IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 812
(GLENN HONG – BOARD OF AGRICULTURE)

My name is William F. Anonsen, the Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group, and chair of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. I would like to express my personal support for the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Glenn Hong to the Board of Agriculture for his reappointment for a second four-year term to expire June 30, 2021.

Through my professional and personal association with Mr. Hong for many years, I have found him to be a dedicated individual who consistently performs his professional and civic responsibilities with a sense of commitment, pride and duty. He has the professional credentials, years of experience and personal attributes necessary that make him an outstanding nominee which he has consistently demonstrated by his years of dedicated service to Hawaii's transportation industry and our island communities.

Mr. Hong is a leader in our community and a team player who works well with all people and is an excellent facilitator. He has demonstrated on several occasions, his strong analytical skills, and his ability to remain committed to his principals, always with the highest degree of ethics and diplomacy in times of heated conflicting opposition. I have always found him to carefully consider difficult issues, and through a structured investigative process and mindset, he develops calculated decisions that address and work to resolve an issue. Most important, Glenn stands by his beliefs and principals, strongly defending them skillfully and with respectful tact.

Mr. Hong is well versed in a myriad of transportation issues and is an individual of unquestionable integrity and fairness, and has my personal vote of confidence on the Board of Agriculture. The success of the mandated mission of the Department of Agriculture is too important to our remote island state and deserves strong leadership and commitment to purpose.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this distinguished business and community leader

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

William F. Anonsen
Managing Partner/Principal

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GM812

Submitted on: 4/9/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

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GM812

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

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Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	No

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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2017
TIME: 1:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY OF JAMES E. COON IN SUPPORT OF GM 812 GLENN HONG TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

My name is James E. Coon speaking as a citizen and business owner in support of GM 812 for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture Mr. Glenn Hong for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

I have known Mr. Glenn Hong for many years. He is a man of integrity with specialized skills and knowledge which will further the long term goals of the Board of Agriculture.

With Mr. Hong's educational degree in accounting and work background as a CPA, Auditor, Controller for some of Hawaii's largest companies as well as being the President of Hawaiian Tug and Barge/Young Brothers, LTD for 25 years gives him a unique set of skills that will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Agriculture.

Please confirm Mr. Glenn Hong to this important Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "James E. Coon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

James E. Coon

PO Box 847; Kula, HI 96790

Captcoon@gmail.com

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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	Yes

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: You can do this, We need you to Support Glenn Hong's Appointment to the BOA
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:53:47 AM

From: david1@pacificgrowersupplies.com <David Fell>

Message:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, April 12th, 2017

Conference Room 224 @ 1:15 PM

SUPPORT for GM 812 - Gubernatorial Nominee Glenn Hong

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment;

RE: GM 812 Appointment to the Board of Agriculture (SUPPORT)

Dear Chairman Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of AEN:

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Please Support GM 812, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Board of Agriculture.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

David Fell

From: [Robert Gandia](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: You can do this, We need you to Support Glenn Hong's Appointment to the BOA
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:55:20 AM

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

Message:

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Robert Gandia

Manager

From: [Rhonda Stoltzfus](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: You can do this, We need you to Support Glenn Hong's Appointment to the BOA
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:31:52 AM

From: stoltzfus34@yahoo.com <Rhonda Stoltzfus >

Message:

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Rhonda Stoltzfus

Mom

Kihei

HI

From: [Lorie Farrell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: You can do this, We need you to Support Glenn Hong's Appointment to the BOA
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:45:53 AM

From: lorie.farrell@gmail.com <Lorie Farrell>

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Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Lorie Farrell

Friend of Farmers

Honokaa

Hawaii

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GM812

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Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support Glenn Hong for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture. I have witnessed Mr. Hong's contributions to the discussion and deliberation of important and controversial issues before the Board. He has demonstrated his support for and interest in Hawaiian agriculture and the environment. I respectfully request your favorable consideration and confirmation of Glenn Hong, GM812 to the Board of Agriculture. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

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Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:52:43 AM

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Alika Napier

From: [Glenn Toyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: You can do this, We need you to Support Glenn Hong's Appointment to the BOA
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 12:15:02 PM

From: hawnflowgrdn@hotmail.com <Glenn Toyama>

Message:

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Wednesday, April 12th, 2017

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Glenn Toyama

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 1:02:47 PM

From: papayas@aloha.net <Karen Umehara>

Message:

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Karen Umehara

From: [Mark Kennett](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: You can do this, We need you to Support Glenn Hong's Appointment to the BOA
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 3:47:49 PM

From: markkennett2000@yahoo.com <Mark Kennett>

Message:

He is a great asset BOA

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Mark Kennett

Kaumakani

HI

The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair, Agriculture and Environment Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 201
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Glenn K.Y. Hong
President

Regarding Governor Ige's Nomination of Glenn Hong
To the State of Hawai'i Board of Agriculture

April 6, 2017

Dear Senator Gabbard and Members of the Agriculture and Environment Committee:

My name is Glenn Hong, and I am President of Young Brothers, Limited, an inter-island cargo common carrier. Since May of 2012, I have had the honor of serving on the State of Hawai'i Board of Agriculture, following Senate confirmation.

My interest in the agricultural industry stems from the economic, societal and environmental impacts that a sustainable agricultural industry should have on Hawai'i's future. The Hawai'ian Islands have a great challenge in its isolation, yet this also presents its own opportunities. Island communities are unique and Hawai'i is especially so. Prior to western contact, Hawai'i had a food-sufficient native society, supporting a significant population base. Today, the vast majority of our food and energy is imported into our state. I believe that the citizens of Hawai'i support rational initiatives that move us toward greater self sufficiency in these areas. This is a very positive trend toward increasing food security and sustainability for Hawai'i and is consistent with the State of Hawai'i's goal of progressively producing a greater portion of its food consumption. Greater home grown production will shorten the supply chain from farm to table, significantly enhance nutrition through greater freshness, and result in reduced waste.

I support a robust agricultural industry, based on product diversity and entrepreneurship, employment growth, agricultural land preservation, watershed protection, and broad-based community development. I would like to support our agriculture programs which show promise for achieving such a sustainable vision. A clear vision and establishment of underlying objectives are necessary to ensure that our agricultural policies are effective. Objectives such as stopping harmful invasive species from entering the state require effective policies, appropriate technologies and adequate resources to achieve that goal. If our community goal is to keep green spaces open and provide access to fresh, locally-

sourced affordable food; if our desire is to develop greater indigenous energy resources; then we need to pay attention to how we develop our infrastructures, how we allocate, yet protect our water resources, how we educate our next generation, and how we protect and employ our important agricultural lands. As a commissioner on the Board of Agriculture since 2012, I believe I have contributed to moving toward achieving the State's policy goals.

My educational background is in finance and accounting and this has extended into my work experience. Further, I have extensive operational experience in transportation logistics and policies, strategic planning, resource allocation, regulation, and employment initiatives, among others. These experiences have broadened my ability to ask pertinent questions, identify potential options, and guide organizations toward desired outcomes. I have participated on a number of boards and task forces in leadership and committee member roles. I have worked directly with State agencies, farm bureaus, and agricultural associations on issues of transportation and food security. These efforts have all been collaborative in nature.

While I do not anticipate any conflicts of interest, should any arise, I would necessarily take any appropriate action, including recusal in that matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss my background with you. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Hong", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Hong