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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI  
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
8:30 a.m.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2095  
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Chairperson Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC"). The ADC strongly supports House Bill No. 2095, which authorizes ADC to enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors, including agriculture, construction, and energy production.

As the State's economy continues to grow, it is critical that innovative processes are applied to the recycling sector to reduce the pressure on the State's environment and to capture as much value as possible to support local business sectors. The ADC, in its role of developing agriculture initiatives, is uniquely positioned to implement existing and emerging technology towards the goal of optimizing value from waste streams for agricultural uses. Other industry sectors, such as construction or energy, will also benefit immediately as recycled material often has multiple uses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and for your consideration of this bill.

**HB-2095**

Submitted on: 1/30/2018 9:09:01 AM

Testimony for EEP on 1/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII**

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**RE: Testimony in Support** of HB 2095, RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

To the Honorable Chris Lee, Chair; the Honorable Nicole E. Lowen, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection:

Good morning, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. 2095, relating to waste diversion through the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the purpose of protecting our environment. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2095, and support its passage.

House Bill No. 2095, is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it authorizes the agribusiness development corporation to

enter into contracts with private businesses to remove select municipal solid waste, glass, and food and green waste from the waste stream for use in other business sectors, including agriculture, construction, and energy production. Specifically, the DPH Platform states that “[w]e promote solid waste policies that divert green waste and food scraps for making invasive-species-free compost and enhanced mulch available for our farmers, landscapers, and residents. . . .

The Democratic Party of Hawai’i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment are essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai’i.

We believe in supporting best management practices in sustaining our environment and in increased citizen involvement. We support programs that encourage sustainable clean, efficient, creative and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, recycling and waste reduction. . . .

We believe in the vigorous enforcement of our environmental laws and increased public-private stewardships and citizen involvement in protecting our resources.” (Platform of the DPH, P. 3, Lines 115-116, P. 8, Lines 406-415, 432-433 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No. 2095 provides for waste diversion through the Agribusiness Development Corporation which will benefit the agricultural industry and the environment through solid waste, glass, and food recycling, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 9:22:03 AM

Testimony for EEP on 1/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joan Gannon	West Hawaii CHC	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2095

**HB-2095**

Submitted on: 1/29/2018 10:09:12 AM

Testimony for EEP on 1/30/2018 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Teresa Parsons		Support	No

Comments: