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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
10:30 a.m.

SENATE BILL NO. 2519
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”). The ADC strongly supports Senate Bill No. 2519, 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.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/13/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

Comments: