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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

JANUARY 31, 2018
1:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SENATE BILL NO. 2842
RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2842 appropriates funds for the acquisition of high value farm land in west Kauai identified as Tax Map Key: (4) 1-2-006:009 The Department of Agriculture supports this bill.

The Department supports the effort of the Agribusiness Development Corporation and the State in preserving agricultural lands for production. By dedicating resources to support acquisition of agricultural land, the State increases its local production and supports future sustainability for our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.



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

Wednesday, January 31, 2018
1:30 p.m.

SENATE BILL NO. 2842
RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”). The ADC supports Senate Bill No. 2842 which appropriates funds for the acquisition of high value farm land in west Kauai identified as Tax Map Key: (4) 1-2-006:009.

West Kauai’s dry climate and high sunlight has been known for producing very high-quality crops. Keeping high value agricultural lands in agriculture should be considered as a high priority because of the potential benefits it presents for Hawaii’s agriculture industry. Since land is a critical component in enhancing the State’s food security, obtaining agricultural lands may significantly increase the available agricultural land on Kauai for food production and may offer many possibilities to boost the economic viability of the west Kauai community and the entire agriculture industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John R. Gordines	Hawaii Floriculture & Nursery Ass.	Support	No

Comments:



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January 30, 2018

Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair
State of Hawaii Legislature
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill No. 2842 Relating to the Agribusiness
Development Corporation

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Committee members:

On behalf of Hartung Brothers, and as a private citizen raised in Waimea, this is to provide testimony in **strong support** of SB2842, relating to the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Our Company, Hartung Brothers Hawaii, is the current long-term lessee and active farmer of the agricultural lands identified in SB2842. As such we have a strong interest in ensuring that the lands remain in agriculture and, more broadly, that prime farmland is protected.

The agricultural lands between Waimea and Kekaha are an important part of the rural character of the west side of Kauai. Agriculture on the west side of Kauai is currently being revitalized and will provide an important engine of economic opportunity and growth for our youth. SB2842 will provide a path to help sustain that positive trajectory, secure the long-term future of agriculture in the area, and make additional, critical long-term investments possible.

Sincerely,

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January 31, 2018

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON SB 2842
RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Room 224
1:30 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.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau is in support of SB 2842, which authorizes the director of finance to issue general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the acquisition of certain farm lands in west Kauai by the agribusiness development corporation.

HFB believes that in order for agriculture to flourish in Hawaii and reach their full potential, land availability and long-term leases at affordable and predictable lease rental rates are critical. The acquisition by the ADC of farm land in west Kauai will significantly increase the available agricultural land under the State's control and will provide farmers with long-term leases that will enhance the economic viability of Hawaii's agriculture industry.

We believe this is an opportunity to further support and expand the state's ability to provide agricultural lands for farmers, which is consistent with the State's goal of increasing self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for AEN on 1/31/2018 1:30:00 PM

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

Comments: