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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
1:50 p.m.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59
URGING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO START A FARM
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC"). The ADC supports Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 59 that urges the Agribusiness Development Corporation to start a Farm Apprenticeship Program.

The ADC believes that farmer proficiency and operational competency is crucial for agriculture development and is closely tied to consistent and safe food production. Towards that goal, ADC requires its farmers to meet the following standards:

- (1) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP);
- (2) United States Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA);
- (3) Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (MSPA); and

(4) United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

However, ADC has found that many of Hawaii's farmers struggle to meet the above standards, so it fully endorses the concept of a replicable education/training framework to develop the necessary skills for success. ADC also feels that the proposed support from the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) extension program is essential for program continuity and long-term success.

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

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**MARCH 21, 2018
1:50 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59/SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30
URGING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO START A FARM
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify SCR 59/SR 30 that urges the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to start a farm apprenticeship program. The Department supports this measure.

The efforts of both the ADC and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) will be extremely important in successfully moving Hawaii's future farmers and ranchers in the right direction. With a successful model that abides by the many federal regulatory structures that fall to local farmers, Hawaii's agricultural industry is better served with increased self-sustainability and food security. CTAHR's expertise is integral to the entire efforts of the ADC.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these resolutions.





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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:50 p.m.

By
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And
Michael Bruno
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Vice Chancellor for Research
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SCR 59 – URGING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO START A FARM APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR 59.

The University of Hawai'i Mānoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
Resources, is the home of the Hawai'i Cooperative Extension Service as part of the
Land Grant Mission of the College and the University. As such we are committed to
providing training to the Hawaiian citizenry with respect to agriculture and natural
resources.

If the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) were to form a farm apprenticeship
program, the College and Extension Service would be committed to engage in technical
and workforce development issues, including outreach and training as much as the
available resources would allow.

In the absence of the ADC forming such a program, the College and Extension Service
will continue its already significant programs in these areas.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Testimony for AEN on 3/21/2018 1:50:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Dobovan	Testifying for Kulahaven Farms LLC	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
irene plunkett	Testifying for HFUU	Support	Yes

Comments:

I support Bill SCR59, Thank you Kindly

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Keith Ranney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Edward Aloï	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Thomas Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Briana Hurley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Helmut Klauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Neil Vonhof	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

None

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Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Suellen Barton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

Comments: