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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**APRIL 3, 2018
10:20 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

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

Chairperson Dela Cruz 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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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Tuesday, April 3, 2018
10:20 a.m.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

Chairperson Dela Cruz 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.

SCR-59

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Comments: