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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 RESOLUTION NO. 30
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 Resolution No. 30 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 for AEN on 3/21/2018 1:50:00 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis F Lokmer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

None