

GM 597



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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
March 1, 2019
1:15 pm., Room 224

In consideration of
GM 597, Glenn K. Muranaka
as the
Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and committee members:

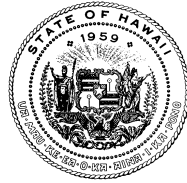
I respectfully request your support in confirming Glenn K. Muranaka as the Deputy Director for the Department of Agriculture.

Glenn retired from Meadow Gold Dairies after a 45-year career, starting as a statistical clerk in 1972 and ending with more than 20 years as Meadow Golds' president and general manager. During his tenure, Glenn led diversity initiatives and created a climate for creativity and increased innovation.

Glenn was inducted into the Hawai'i Food Industry Association's Hall of Fame and was also the recipient of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' 2018 Ka Lei Hano Heritage Award. He has been a proven leader in agriculture and his background has given Glenn the credentials to be an asset to the department.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Glenn K. Muranaka will support our employees in the DOA in this effort. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM597
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, GLENN K. MURANAKA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-
05-2022.

SENATOR MIKE GABBARD, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Hearing Date: March 1, 2019

Room Number: 224

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the nomination of Glenn
3 Muranaka for Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. Glenn's private sector
4 experience in executive management and the dairy industry may provide a fresh perspective for
5 maximizing local agriculture and food production, promoting Hawaii's food culture and brand,
6 and assuring secure access to locally sourced healthy foods for kama`aina.

7 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM597.

8 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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SCOTT T. MURAKAMI
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February 21, 2019

To: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair,
The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Date: Friday, March 1, 2019

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224, State Capitol

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 597 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN K.
MURANAKA**

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee,

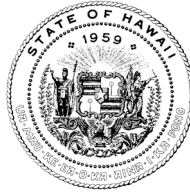
My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in support of Governor's Message 597, Gubernatorial Nominee, Glenn K. Muranaka, as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture (DoA).

Mr. Muranaka has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to assist in leading the DoA. As the President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies, Mr. Muranaka oversaw operations and services; coordinated with the company's branches to increase organizational effectiveness and sales; and implemented performance goals to encourage employees' professional and personal growth, thereby reducing employee turnover by 30%. Mr. Muranaka has devoted more than twenty years of his professional career to ensuring that Meadow Gold Dairies was prepared for market changes, while remaining an important part of the community.

I urge you to confirm Mr. Muranaka to serve as the Deputy Chairperson of the DoA.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Muranaka.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



DOUGLAS MURDOCK
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Friday, March 1, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 597
Gubernatorial Nominee Glenn K. Muranaka

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and members of the committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of Glenn K. Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Muranaka most recently was president and general manager of Meadow Gold Dairies, the state's largest dairy. During his long career there, Meadow Gold of Hawai'i became one of the "Top 250 Companies in Hawai'i" and one of the top performing units in its parent company, Dean Foods. For his significant contributions to the industry and the community, Mr. Muranaka was inducted into the Halls of Fame and Halls of Honor of both his alma mater, McKinley High School, and the Hawai'i Food Industry Association, and was similarly honored for a lifetime of leadership and civic involvement by Kapi'olani Community College and the University of Hawai'i.

Mr. Muranaka's demonstrated track record of increasing organizational effectiveness will be a great asset to the Department of Agriculture. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Mr. Muranaka.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

JASON MINAMI
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February 20, 2019

**TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND ENVIRONMENT**

For Hearing on Friday, March 01, 2019
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 224

By

RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

**Governor's Message 597
(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)**

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

RE: Consideration and confirmation of Glenn K. Muranaka for Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Glenn K. Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. In the short time I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Muranaka in his capacity as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture, I have found him to be a dedicated, measured and helpful person who is well suited for the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. In his current capacity I have experienced Mr. Muranaka as cooperative, helpful, and welcoming.

I support the confirmation of Mr. Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 597 and Glenn K. Muranaka.

Statement of
Mike McCartney

before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Friday, March 1, 2019
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
GM 597

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,
GLENN K. MURANAKA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

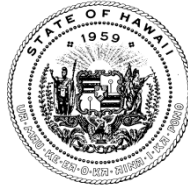
Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee.

I **support** the appointment of **Glenn K. Muranaka** to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Muranaka most recently served as the president and general manager for Meadow Gold Dairies for the past 21 years. His extensive experience in leadership positions included overseeing employees and organizational efficiencies, strategic and financial planning, team building and professional development, and change management. These are skills that will continue to build management and operational excellence at the Department of Agriculture and will benefit the people of the State of Hawaii.

I urge his confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of this confirmation.



TESTIMONY BY:

JADE T. BUTAY
DIRECTOR

Deputy Directors
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March 1, 2019
1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

G.M. 597

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN K. MURANAKA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Glenn K. Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture (DOA).

In 1972 after earning his degree in college, Mr. Muranaka worked his way up at Meadow Gold Dairies from a Statistical Clerk to become its President and General Manager before retiring in 2018. From his work experience he gained valuable experience and insights into the problems, needs, and opportunities in our agriculture industry.

His solution-oriented ability to plan for strategic change, encourage product development, enhance organizational productivity and strengthen brand equity ensured the vitality of a local agribusiness in a challenging environment.

The DOT believes his 45 years of experience will support the growth of Hawaii's future by enhancing, promoting, and protecting Hawaii's agriculture and aquaculture industries at the DOA. The DOA is a critical partner in eradicating invasive species in our state. Working with Mr. Muranaka will make it possible for DOT to deal with this ongoing challenge in a collaborative way.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

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

Friday, March 1, 2019
1:15 PM

GM 597 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN K. MURANAKA, for a term to expire on 12-05-2022.

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) supports Mr. Glenn Muranaka’s appointment as Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA).

Mr. Muranaka well qualified to be confirmed as the HDOA Deputy Director. As President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies for over 20 years, he has a proven track record as a facilitator, partner and supporter of agriculture in Hawaii. It was under his leadership that Meadow Gold Dairies became a household name in Hawaii for dairy products. He has extensive experience in strategic planning, innovation, organization development and marketing and is very familiar with agriculture policy and development issues.

Mr. Muranaka's appointment will assist the progress of HDOA to reinvent itself as it supports the Governor's Sustainable Hawaii Initiatives to double food production and provide stronger invasive species policy, infrastructure and capacity. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support of Mr. Muranaka's appointment to serve as Deputy Director of the HDOA.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/28/2019 1:13:28 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pamela Ellison | Testifying for Hawaii National Guard | Support | No |

Comments:

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



CURT T. OTAGURO
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
ON
MARCH 1, 2019, 1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 597
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE BOARD
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, GLENN K. MURANAKA, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 597. I support the nomination of Mr. Glenn K. Muranaka to the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Muranaka has served as the President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. In addition, Mr. Muranaka also served as Executive Vice President and Assistant General Manager. I've had the honor and privilege to have worked with Glenn for many years during my career in the private sector. He is a man of honor, professional, compassionate, and fair. He values people relationships and has always supported our community consistently and generously.

Mr. Muranaka's extensive background in agriculture and as a senior executive at Meadow Gold makes him an ideal candidate to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Muranaka's talents and executive experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
HEARING ON MARCH 01, 2019 AT 1:15PM IN CR 224

IN SUPPORT OF

GM597

for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of
Agriculture,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **GLENN K. MURANAKA**,
for a term to expire 12-05-2022

March 01, 2019

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Committee:

We provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Glenn K. Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture (DOA).

Mr. Muranaka has a background and business experience in the food industry especially the areas of product development, marketing, and distribution.. He focuses on stimulating personal and professional growth of employees to ;increase organizational effectiveness..

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

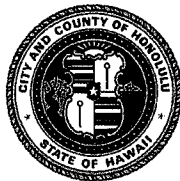
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February 28, 2019

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 597 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
Director of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,
GLENN K. MURANAKA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Ruderman, and Committee Members:

My name is Roy K. Amemiya, Jr., Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, and I **strongly support** the confirmation of Mr. Glenn K. Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Muranaka has proudly served Meadow Gold Dairies for over 47 years, beginning his career with the company as a statistical clerk in 1972 and rising through the ranks to become the first locally-born executive to head the dairy product company as President and General Manager, a position he has held since 1996 until his retirement in December of 2017. During his tenure as President and General Manager, Mr. Muranaka's ability to plan for, and adapt to, an ever changing market allowed Meadow Gold Dairies to constantly evolve and survive during difficult economic times.

I have known Mr. Muranaka for over 25 years having first worked with him when I was a banker and he served as Controller for Meadow Gold Dairies. Even back then, I could see he would go far in his career. Four years ago, Mr. Muranaka and I became reacquainted on two separate matters - one dealing with discharge of Meadow Gold factory liquid waste into the City's sewage system and the other with Mr. Muranaka's and Meadow Gold's total support of funding extensive improvements to the Honolulu

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair
and Members
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Zoo's keiki barn. While the first dealing had the potential of becoming very adversarial, Mr. Muranaka's professionalism and willingness to collaborate to reach an acceptable outcome for both parties, resulted in solutions that were both amenable to the City and County of Honolulu and Meadow Gold Dairies. I truly feel that his problem solving skill, and private sector experience at a high level, will serve him well as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

It is with pleasure that I submit this testimony in support of the confirmation of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy K. Amemiya, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Roy K. Amemiya, Jr.
Managing Director

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/28/2019 9:30:58 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Raymond Kwok | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I've known Mr. Glenn Muranaka since the late 90's and have always had great admiration for Mr. Muranaka's character, integrity, generosity, and wisdom. In the early stages of my career, it was Mr. Muranaka that opened the door for me and the life lessons he's shared has really shaped and influenced my path in life. I cannot think of anyone more qualified to serve as the Deputy Director of Agriculture and know that Mr. Muranaka will contribute/strengthen the agriculture of Hawaii for many years to come.

Raymond Kwok

VP, Supply Chain and Finance

Odyssey FoodTrans

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/27/2019 9:46:10 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alan Gottlieb | Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch Limited | Support | Yes |

Comments:



March 1, 2019

Hearing before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture
And Environment

Re: GM 597 – Submitting testimony in SUPPORT of
GLENN MURANAKA as the Deputy Director of the
Department of Agriculture.

Chair Gabbard and committee members:

My name is Dan Clegg, Hawaii Business Operations Lead for Bayer U.S. – Crop Science which is a life science company focused on improving human, plant, and animal health. In Hawaii, we have approximately 600 employees working on 6 farms on the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Molokai.

Mr. Muranaka has a wealth of experience in the agricultural industry. Most recently, he was the General Manager and President of Meadow Gold Dairies. While his focus was primarily on the livestock and dairy industry, he also played an important role in Hawaii's agricultural industry overall. Mr. Muranaka understands the challenges and opportunities Hawaii's local farmers and ranchers are confronted with. He is always looking for ways to improve the quality of products and take advantage of Hawaii's marketing brand. Mr. Muranaka brings a tremendous amount of executive experience and institutional knowledge that is so valuable to the future of Hawaii's agricultural future.

We strongly support GM 597 which appoints Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the State Department of Agriculture for a term to expire 12/05/2022.

Thank you,
Dan Clegg



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February 26, 2019

Committee on Agriculture and Environment

To Whom This May Concern,

I have known Glenn Muranaka for 20 years through my business, Dave's Ice Cream.

He is a true believer in supporting Hawaii's Local Businesses and keeping the money here in Hawaii. Along with his many local community sponsorships when he was with Meadow Gold Dairies. Glenn's fairness, integrity and deep roots in our community that he truly loves and believes in, will be a great asset to the Department of Agriculture.

I humbly ask that the Senate confirm Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

David Leong
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HAWAII STATE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Friday, March 1, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224

RE: Testimony in Support of GM597

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and members of the Committee,

I am Chris Manfredi, President of Hawaii Coffee Association.

At more than \$61MM Hawaii's coffee industry is ranked by USDA among Hawaii's leading crops. The Hawaii Coffee Association's (HCA) mission is to represent all sectors of the Hawaiian coffee industry, including growers, millers, wholesalers, roasters and retailers located throughout the State of Hawaii. The HCA's primary objective is to increase awareness and consumption of Hawaiian coffees. A major component of HCA's work is the continuing education of members and consumers.

The HCA supports the confirmation of Glenn K. Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

We are confident that his experience will be a benefit to the Department, our industry and the public.

Hawaii's coffee industry relies on Hawaii's Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for a great many things including administration of grade standards and labeling rules, preserving the integrity of designated growing regions, enforcement of quarantine protocols, market development and support, prevention and management of invasive species, and pesticide regulations are among the many HDOA functions that impact and support our industry.

We look forward to working with the new HDOA Deputy to advance our industry and strengthen our partnership with the Department to the benefit our members and Hawaii's citizens.

Thank you for your support of GM597.



February 26, 2019

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Senator
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224
Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: In SUPPORT of GM-597 appointing GLENN K. MURANAKA
as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture**

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Committee Members:

My name is Jason Higa, CEO of FCH Enterprises, which includes Zippy's Restaurants, Napoleon's Bakery, Food Solutions International, Pomaika'i Ballrooms at Dole Cannery, A Catered Experience (ACE), Kahala and Pearl City Sushi, and Germaine's Luau.

FCH Enterprises has been a customer of Meadow Gold Dairies close to 30 years and has built a successful relationship due to Glenn's exceptional leadership during his tenor as President & General Manager. Our business relationship including our friendship has been one of mutual trust and respect.

Being in the dairy business for over forty-five years, Mr. Muranaka gained valuable knowledge and developed a passion to grow & support diversified agriculture in the State of Hawaii. His commitment, integrity, sincerity, and passion, will be an asset to the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Muranaka has my highest commendations and I am genuinely in support of his confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason T. Higa'.

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Barry Taniguchi, KTA Superstores, *Advisor*
Derek Kurisu, KTA Superstores, *Advisor*

TO:
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: March 1, 2019
TIME: 1:15pm
PLACE: Conference Room

RE: GM 596

Position: Support

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA supports the confirmation of Glenn Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Serving his community has always been a high priority for Mr. Muranaka. As President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies he ensured that the company continued to be a vital promoter of health, nutrition, and education throughout Hawaii. Mr. Muranaka has been a force for positive change in our state. He strives for excellence in all his endeavors and is known as an innovator in Hawaii's food, business, and agricultural community. We can think of no better candidate for the position of Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and we are extremely proud to voice our strong support for Glenn Muranaka's nomination and confirmation.



JOY GOLD UNLIMITED, INC.

Working with you to achieve your organization's mission and public policy goals

Testimony by: Joy Gold

GM 597, Glenn K. Muranaka, Deputy Director Department of Agriculture
Senate AEN Committee
Friday, March 1, 2019 – 1:15pm

Position: Support

Chair Gabbard and Members of the AEN Committee:

My name is Joy Gold, President of Joy Gold Unlimited, Inc., providing services to help organizations achieve its mission and public policy goals.

Since 1995 through 2017, Glenn Muranaka, former President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies, and I have worked together for policy changes that support Hawaii's agriculture industry. Most notably, Glenn Muranaka is known for his out-of-the-box thinking to problem solve effectively with community stakeholders.

One such endeavor was the Seal of Quality initiative. In the late 90's, I recall we were sitting in the Hse Agriculture Chair's office and he noticed all the glossy commodity posters marketing their particular commodity. With his knowledge of marketing and branding, and his CPA background, he noted that rather than attempting to market individual commodities that require a lot of effort and resources, why not develop a shared brand that depicts premium agriculture products grown from the best land, water and air on the planet. In the years following, he worked with the Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Chairs and the community to establish the Seal of Quality program, which is now administered by the Department of Agriculture.

In all the years that I have known Glenn Muranaka he has been consistent with his support and passion for diversified agriculture. In addition to his knowledge and leadership abilities, Glenn Muranaka brings an extensive network of community members and businesses to work together to support Hawaii's agriculture.

Your support of Glenn Muranaka's confirmation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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March 1, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON GM 597

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the DEPUTY DIRECTOR of the
Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN MURANAKA

Room 224
1:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director 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 strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Muranaka is a valued leader in Hawaii's Agricultural Industry. During his 45 year career with Meadow Gold Dairies, Mr. Muranaka became the first locally-born executive to head the state's largest dairy and served as president and general manager. He joined the company in 1972 as a statistical clerk after earning an accounting degree from Kapi'olani CC and studying management and accounting at UH Mānoa. Under his leadership, Meadow Gold has been a strong and longstanding supporter of Hawaii's agriculture community.

Mr. Muranaka's extensive background and his years of experience would be invaluable to HDOA as they continue to fulfill their mission of expanding the role of Hawaii's agricultural industry to benefit the well-being of our island society by diversifying the economy, protecting resources important for agricultural production, and gaining greater self-sufficiency in food and renewable energy production.

Please accept our strong support for Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

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| Alan S. Hayashi | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

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Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Rudeman, and Members of the Agricultural Committee:

My name is Alan Hayashi, former Executive Director of the Convention Center Authority (CCA,) and current Vice Chair of the Workforce Development Council (WDC). I rise in strong support of the nomination of Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

1. have known Glenn Muranaka for over 25 years in his role as the Pacific Area Manager of Dairyman's and eventually Dean Foods Meadow Gold operations in Hawaii. Glenn was a visionary member of the Convention Center Authority Board and one of the first to question the policy of "no-local events" at the Hawaii Convention Center.
1. was born and raised in Hawaii and has a deep commitment to community and Hawaii's economy. I personally know how he struggled to keep Hawaii's dairies viable despite the increasing environmental constraints. He subsidized and supported local dairies as long as he could in an increasingly competitive marketplace. He understands the farmers' hardships and also follows technological advances that could help the industry.

His work ethic, and continuing thirst for knowledge and a "better way", is legendary among his staff. He would be in his office very early and stay late, very often working weekends.

Glenn has always been an active community partner / sponsor of many initiatives (Healthy Baby Contest, Milk Carton sail off, Lani Moo appearances), and many other community events. He has always had a deep interest in local products and was one of the founders of the Hawaii Seal of Quality and the "Grown in Hawaii / Buy Hawaii" marketing campaign. His belief and commitment to local Diversified Agriculture continues and will serve the Department of Agriculture well in further developing its vision for production of more diverse local products.

In my opinion, any organization that Glenn works for will be fortunate, public, or private. Glenn's deep background and network in the private agricultural sector, his work ethic, and his desire to "give back" to Hawaii make him an ideal candidate for a position in the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Glenn Muranaka.

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GM 597, Glenn K. Muranaka
Confirmation Hearing, Deputy Director of Agriculture
Senate AEN Hearing - March 1, 2019
1:15 am - Conference Room 224

Testimony by: Larry Jefts
Position: Support

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Senate AEN Committee:

My name is Larry Jefts, owner and operator of Larry Jefts Farms, LLC. I have been a farmer in Hawaii for more than 35 years and have been actively involved in organizations that support Hawaii's farmers.

Mr. Glenn Muranaka recently retired after a 45-year career from Meadow Gold. He became the first locally-born executive to head the company, accomplishing much through his vision, strategy and empowering change through engaging employees in continuous improvement and training. Under his leadership, Meadow Gold was among the top 250 Companies in Hawaii and one of the top performing units in the Dean Foods system.

His belief in community partnerships to promote Hawaii agriculture is evidenced by his induction to the Hall of Fame, Hawaii Food Industry Association as well as at his alma mater, McKinley High School. In 2018, the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources honored him with the Ka Lei Hano Heritage Award.

Mr. Muranaka's knowledge of Hawaii's agriculture, its challenges and his can-do problem solving skills and leadership will help the agriculture industry move forward.

Your consideration of Glenn Muranaka for the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture is strongly urged. I can be reached at 688-2892 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In Support of Glenn Muranaka's Nomination as Deputy Director
of the Department of Agriculture

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
March 1, 2019, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 224

Chair Gabbard and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) strongly supports the nomination and confirmation of Glenn Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture, for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

As the recently retired president and general manager of Meadow Gold Dairies, Glenn has more than 45 years of direct agricultural experience here in Hawaii. He was also the first locally-born executive to head the state's largest dairy. His leadership, experience and relationships in the industry will provide invaluable for the future of agriculture in Hawaii.

I urge you to support Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo for your kind consideration.

Respectfully,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.

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| jon bryan | Testifying for JB Brands, Inc. | Support | No |

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to hear that Governor Ige is appointing Glenn Murunaka as Deputy Director of Agriculture. I have had the honor and privilege of working with Glenn during his long standing tenure as President of Meadow Gold Dairies Hawaii. Glenn truly understands the idiosyncracies of Hawaii especially Hawaii's agriculture industry. He will bring a tremendous amount of experience to this position and will provide a true "boots on the ground" perspective.

Glenn is a proven leader and is passionate about whatever he does. He is a hard worker and will never give up until the job is done. He is caring, honest and has compassion. He is a team player and is a man that "walks the talk" not just "talk the talk".

I sincerely believe he will do a fantastic job as Deputy Director of Agriculture for the State of Hawaii. I highly support his nomination.

Respectfully submitted<

Jon Bryan

President - JB Brands, Inc.

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| bruce corker | Testifying for Rancho Aloha | Comments | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I am a coffee and avocado farmer in Holualoa, Hawaii County.

In connection with the nominations of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Chair and Glenn Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, I offer comments arising from concerns about recent testimonies from the Department to the Legislature. The testimonies have taken positions contrary to the interests of Hawaii farmers—in support of corporate food industry interests. Of equal concern are questionable factual assertions from the HDOA in those testimonies.

Here are two examples from testimony submitted by HDOA in the past month:

HB144—51% Minimum and Origin Identification for Coffee Blends

This bill has been passed by the House Agriculture and CPC committees. For the February 20 CPC hearing 80 written testimonies were submitted in support of the bill by Hawaii coffee farmers and their supporters; there were 2 testimonies in opposition from Honolulu’s largest coffee blender (Hawaii Coffee Company) and the Hawaii Food Industry Association. Disappointing negative comments were submitted by the HDOA in support of the blenders’ puzzling arguments—and contained the following inaccurate assertions:

1—HDOA’s contention that the 1991 10% Kona blend law was the result of “mutual agreement with the coffee industry” is not true. In fact, with the support of the Hawaii County Council on Economic Development, in 1991 Kona producers sought a 51%

minimum and strongly criticized the subsequently adopted 10% blend law as “false advertising” (Tom Greenwell) and “a misuse of the cultural heritage of Hawaii” (Michael Craig). See Gerald Y. Kinro, “Cup of Aloha”, at page 109.

2—HDOA’s claim that HB144’s label transparency provision would place “extreme hardship on the blending industry” is unsubstantiated and contrary to realities of modern computerized labeling technologies.

HB143—Disclosure of Percentages in Ready-To-Drink Coffee Products

This bill addresses the fact that some RTD marketers of coffee in cans and packages are using Hawaii origin names (“Hawaii Kona Premium Coffee” and “Kona Red Kona Blend”) without disclosing how much, if any, of the coffee in the package is from Hawaii-grown beans. The bill would require RTD coffee products to meet the same labeling requirements that currently apply to roasted and instant coffee.

The HDOA’s written testimony to the Agriculture Committee hearing of January 30 contains the following inaccurate contentions:

1—HDOA represents to the Legislature that the Department is “currently unable to determine the content or origin of a coffee or a blend once it is roasted or manufactured as a ready-to-drink beverage.” The Department ignores scientific advances in coffee authentication. For example, the following publication by 5 UH Manoa faculty members has been repeatedly cited to the HDOA: Jun Wang, et al, “Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy for Kona Coffee Authentication”, *Journal of Food Science*, Vol., Nr. (2009). This article describes how the origins of both roasted and brewed coffee can be readily determined.

2—The Department has also taken the position that it has no enforcement jurisdiction over the labeling of RTD coffee products that are manufactured and packaged outside of Hawaii.” That contention is wrong. Hawaii clearly has jurisdiction over products sold in this state with labeling in violation of state law. Furthermore, the HDOA holds the trademarks for the regional names of Hawaii-grown green coffee and should be pursuing fraudulent mislabeling claims on the mainland in the same way Idaho pursues fraudulent mislabeling of Idaho Potatoes in other states—and as California protects Napa and Sonoma wine grape growers from false labeling. The Department should be looking for ways to support Hawaii farmers, not looking for reasons for inaction.

If Hawaii is going to pursue greater food self-sufficiency and reduce the importation of 90% or more of our food, the Department needs to begin vigorously supporting the economic interests of Hawaii farmers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Bruce Corker



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February 28, 2019

To: Hawaii State Legislature
From: Vallian Patacchi, CEO, HCCS
Re: Bill GM597 - Testimony in support of Glenn Muranaka to be considered for the post of Deputy Director of Agriculture.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Glenn Muranaka for over 27 years both socially and through my company's business dealings with *Meadow Gold Dairies* when he was CEO before announcing his retirement.

Mr. Muranaka cares more about this great state of ours than I think anyone can imagine. He has always put the health of our citizenry first when he ran *Meadow Gold Dairies* guiding his company to always produce healthy nourishing products for consumption. Protection of our lands and water supplies in the capacity of Deputy Director of Agriculture will follow this same dedication to the health and welfare of Hawaii's citizens.

One could not ask for a more qualified individual than Mr. Muranaka for this post. He is the right choice and as far as I'm concerned, the only choice.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Aloha,

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Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, March 1, 2019
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224

GM 597

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN K. MURANAKA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council Strongly Supports GM 597.

Glenn Muranaka has served Hawaii agriculture for more than four decades with Meadow Gold Dairies. He began his career as a statistical clerk for Meadow Gold and rose to through the ranks to President and General Manager until his recent retirement.

Meadow Gold, under his tutelage, has been a steadfast supporter of Hawaii Agriculture, continually supporting marketing and outreach to the general public. Glenn has the experience needed to serve the different commodity groups and the relationships he built while at Meadow Gold will assist the agricultural community in many different areas.

Glenn has the support of the farmers and ranchers in Hawaii. He has demonstrated his commitment to the continuation of agriculture in Hawaii and is a great candidate for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

We urge you to support Mr. Muranaka's nomination and we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.





Testimony by: Stephanie Namihira

GM 597, Glenn K. Muranaka, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture

Senate AEN Committee

Friday, March 1, 2019 – 1:15 PM

Position: Support

Chair Gabbard and Members of the AEN Committee:

My name is Stephanie Namihira, Member-Manager of Creativity!, LLC, providing services to assist organizations achieve its mission and community outreach initiatives. I am also a proud descendant of small Big Island farmers who grew crops and raised livestock to produce tofu, *okara*, sugar cane, *‘okolehao*, and pigs.

Glenn K. Muranaka’s 45-year career with Meadow Gold Dairies Hawai‘i provides him with unique knowledge of Hawai‘i’s agriculture industry. During his more than 20 years as President and General Manager, he oversaw the management of Meadow Gold’s dairy farms on O‘ahu and Kaua‘i, and worked with dairy producers on O‘ahu and Hawai‘i Island to provide fresh milk to the people and businesses of Hawai‘i. He is experienced in the challenges faced by the Hawai‘i agriculture industry.

In 2016 Mr. Muranaka received the Hawai‘i Food Industry Association’s Ni‘o Award of Excellence and was inducted into its Hall of Fame. He was bestowed the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture 2018 Ka Lei Hano Heritage Award. Glenn K. Muranaka is respected in Hawai‘i’s business and agriculture industries and is a tremendous advocate of its diversified agriculture.

Your support of Glenn K. Muranaka’s confirmation is sincerely appreciated. Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| Nancy Redfeather | Testifying for Ka Ohana O Na Pua | Comments | No |

Comments:

I do not know Mr. Muranaka personally nor do I know his professional background other than he has been an executive in the Meadow Gold Corporation. Meadow Gold was responsible for the "price decline" in milk that ended up putting one of our two last dairies on Hawai'i Island out of business, and HDOA supported that. If we do not support our family farms, our dairies, our ranchers, and our fisherman, than we will be forced to import more of our foods, and the cost of living in Hawai'i will continue to rise. I am not in favor of a Meadow Gold Executive making executive decisions as Deputy at HDOA. Seems like a conflict of interest.

GM-597

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| Peter Oshiro | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Vice Chair Ruderman,

I support the appointment of Glenn Muranaka as Deputy Director.

My relationship with Glenn Muranaka has strictly been a professional one. As the Hawaii Milk Ratings Officer for a period of about 7 years, the Meadow Gold (MG) Dairy Milk Plant and Ice Cream Plant in Honolulu, the MG Milk Plant in Hilo, as well as their Waimanalo Dairy Farm were under my regulatory purview. During that period, any regulatory issues that rose to the level of the President of MG Dairies (Glenn Muranaka), were consistently handled promptly and immediately mitigated or corrected with the full attention and cooperation of all MG plant, dairy, lab and QC personnel. Active managerial control of MG's Milk Plant and Dairy operations were of the highest standards and produced safe milk in Hawaii for decades.

As the Sanitation Branch Program Manager from 2011 to the present, I still have regulatory control over the Statewide milk safety program. The current Milk Ratings Officer and Plant Inspectors have had no unresolved adverse regulatory issues . MG Dairies still operates their Honolulu and Hilo milk plants under the National Conference of Interstate Milk Shippers (NCIMS) which is a cooperative regulatory program between the FDA, the State DOH, and the regulated Milk Industry in Hawaii to ensure the highest quality standards and safety in the production of their varied fluid milk and milk products.

I believe this is a reflection of the past management of Meadow Gold Dairies under their President Glenn Muranaka.

Mahalo for allowing me to give my personal opinion..

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| Denise M. Sasaki | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| Michael P. Irish | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Violet Shimoko | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

February 21, 2019

Dear Senator Gabbard and Senators of the Committee on Agriculture and Development:

My name is Violet Shimoko.

I submit today, a testimony in support of Mr. Glenn Muranaka who has been nominated as the Deputy Director of Agriculture for the State of Hawaii.

I founded a leadership and character education program for girls ages 7-12 in Honolulu in 2009. It was a difficult time to launch a business but the gears were in motion and I was unable to postpone the launch.

My program was called ClubCharm and it was located at 2051 Young Street in Honolulu. At a time when paying mortgages and private school tuition was a challenge for families, it was a stretch to expect them to provide tuition for a high end leadership and character education after school program.

I presented my concept to Mr. Muranaka and my plans to make the world a little better place one little "charmling" at a time. Knowing that my new program would experience financial challenges and require endorsements from community leaders I reached out to Mr. Muranaka for his help. He was our first and grandest supporter. His contributions over the life of ClubCharm will live on in me and the hundreds of girls, their families and "Big Sisters" we were able to impact. His support of our program through scholarships, media, personnel and in kind donations gave us the time and opportunity to test our program's efficacy.

Is is now ten years past and the little girls are now college students and young professionals prepared, positioned and ready to contribute to making our state and world a better place in their own special way. Their accomplishments are noteworthy. These women are living proof that Mr. Muranaka's belief in coaching young girls through character education and leadership skills was indeed visionary and I will be eternally grateful for the chance he took in supporting my then, untested concept and program.

Mr. Muranaka's generosity enabled me to provide what I envisioned and I was able to operate my program for 3 years until a bout with cancer required me to close my doors.

Subsequently, my program has been published in workbook form to help parents instill the foundations of good character in their children. Mr. Muranaka continues to live on and impact our community and world through, "Life Treasures~Good Habits to Grow Good People."

I feel very honored and privileged to submit this testimony for Mr. Muranaka. His vision, compassion and philanthropy has impacted the lives of the 500+ young minds who ventured through our doors. I am excited for our state to have a savvy business mind as well as a compassionate humanitarian and philanthropist in service of our community.

Sincerely,

Violet Shimoko

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| Mimi Beams | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

It is my pleasure to submit my support for Glenn Muranaka as Deputy Director for the State Department of Agriculture. I have known Glenn professionally and personally for over 40 years. He consistently has demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, and due diligence. I have been impressed with his ability to inspire others as well as to consistently stay focused on big picture solutions. He certainly is a very smart individual with great problem solving skills. His compassion for others and commitment to the community at large has been extraordinary. We are very lucky to have him available for this position. The State will be well served with Glenn Muranaka on board.

Thank you,

Mimi Beams

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| richard walrack | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I'M VERY PLEASED TO RECOMMEND THE POSITION OF DEBUTY DIRECTER OF AGRICULTURE FOR GLENN MURANAKA.

GLENN'S SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES WILL MAKE HIM A INVALUABLE ADDITION TO HAWAII AGRICULTURE FUTURE.

MR MURANAKA FOUND SUCESSESS IN YEARS OF DEALING WITH EVERY ASPECT OF A VERY DEMANDING AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, DEALING WITH EVERY ASPECT, NOT LIMITED TO FINANCE , PUBLIC RELATIONS,MARKETING,PERSONEL,UNIONS, ADVERTISING,ETC.ETCC

HE ALSO BRINGS SKILLS IN TECNOLOGY, CAN READ METRICS AND SOCIAL MEDIA TO INCREASE WEB PRESENCE. HE IS THE GO TO PERSON TO GET QUESTIONS ANSWERED. HE IS QUICK TO BUILD A VISION OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND IT WILL BE WELL THOUGHT OUT. DOWN TO EARTH , NO BLUE SKY.

ON A PERSONEL NOTE, I WORKED WITH GLENN AND IN NO TIME HE WAS MY WING MAN. HE HELPED ME BECOME SUCESSESSFUL AND TRAINED MANY OTHER EMPLOYEES TO SUCEED.

HE WENT ON TO BECOME THE LEADER OF A VERY SUCESSESSFUP AGRICULTURE BUSINESS BUT A VERY RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER

GLENN MURANAKA HAS MY HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION FOR THE POSITION OF DEBUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, IHAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE IS THE PERSON FOR THE JOB. I'M NOT SURE YOU COULD FIND A CANDIDATE WHO HAS WHO HAS THE SKILL SETS, ALL AROUND KNOWLEDGE,AND EXPERIENCE IN THE AGRICULTURE BUSINESS..

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO EXPRESS MY OPINON.

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RICHARD WALRACK RETIRED PRESIDENT
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| Linda Chu Takayama | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Barry K. Taniguchi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the nomination of Glenn Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. Glenn had a successful career in the private sector in the agricultura area and will be of great help to the State in this position. I strongly urge you to approve his appointment.

Barry Taniguchi

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| Lon Paresa | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Support of Mr. Glenn Muranaka for Deputy Chair of the Department of Agriculture. Glenn is a man of exceptional talent and heart.

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| Shawn Pinon | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Honorable Senators for the State of Hawaii,

I respectfully submit testimony in favor of the appointment of Glenn Muranaka to the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. I have known Glenn personally and professionally for over thirty years. We worked closely together in the dairy industry for many years. He has always been a man of the highest integrity, honesty and of the highest moral standard. While Glenn was President of Meadow Gold Dairy, he displayed a devotion and passion to the company that helped create a culture of longterm success. During his tenure as President, Glenn was also committed and passionate about the long term health and success of the agricultural community in the state of Hawaii. He has long displayed the ability to work successfully with people from disparate backgrounds and differing opinion. Glenn's vast agricultural experience, background and passionate support of his home state make him ideally suited to succeed in the role of Deputy Director of Agriculture for Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provided testimony in support of Glenn. Sincerely, Shawn Pinon

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| Terry Dana | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I have had the pleasure to knowing and working with Mr. Muranaka for 10 years. He is a true professional, great leader and gifted with the ability to look at every situation from multiple perspectives. These traits are complimented by his strong values of leading with integrity, having passion for people and his love for his community. He has had a personal impact on the way I think about complex topics, treat people and find ways to provide greater passion for what I do.

He is a Leader who will make an postive impact on all he does through all he comes in contact with, and as such would make a wonderful addtion to the State of Hawaii and the Department of Agriculture.

Please contact me for further information or needs.

Sincerley,

Terry Dana

Group Vice President - Dean Foods

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| Bruce Nakaoka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha Senate Agriculture & Environment Committee Members,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for Glenn K. Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. With his distinguished career at Meadow Gold Dairies and many statewide community endeavors, Glenn will be a tremendous leadership resource for the Department and State. He has witnessed the evolution of modern agriculture in Hawaii, understands the importance of food security and our transportation challenges, and has successfully dealt with large, mainland enterprises and small, local mom-and-pop farmers. We are fortunate he is willing to lend his expertise.

Mahalo!

Bruce Nakaoka

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
RODERICK K. BECKER
AND
ROBERT YU
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 597

Friday, March 1, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Room 224

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GLENN K. MURANAKA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

We strongly support Glenn Muranaka's appointment to the position of deputy director of the Department of Agriculture (department). We will work with Mr. Muranaka in our professional capacities as Director and Deputy Director of Finance, respectively.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Mr. Muranaka is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Mr. Muranaka worked for Meadow Gold Dairies for 45 years starting as a statistical clerk and worked his way up to president and general manager. Mr. Muranaka's work experience and knowledge in agriculture will benefit the department and the State; therefore, we support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-597

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| J Puckett | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Testimony for Mr. Glenn Muranaka

I have know Glenn Muranaka as longtime supporter and friend thru Meadow Gold Dairies and the American Youth Soccer Organization of Hawaii. Glenn is a fantastic person to work with, always positive and very supportive of the local families. I believe he will be an great Deputy Director of Agriculture. Glenn has the knowledge of our local agriculture and land and understands the need to protect our precious water.

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/23/2019 4:51:45 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| Rick Beaman | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Rick Beaman, VP

P. O. Box 2270

Springfield, MO 65801

214-244-2515

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Rick Beaman. I am the Vice President of Hiland Dairy. I have been in the Dairy Industry for 43 years and have worked with Glenn Muranaka for over 15 years directly and indirectly.

Glenn has always been an outstanding individual personally and professionally. Glenn's leadership has lead Meadow Gold Dairy in Hawaii to being one of the best dairy organizations in the country. Glenn always exceeded expectations with budget, sales and profitability while all along giving back to the community. Glenn is capable of working tireless hours to achieve his goals and at the same time building a team and empowering his coworkers to achieve their goals. Glenn has received many awards over the years for outstanding achievements in every phase of the dairy business. He is very good with people and a good listener. Glenn is an outstanding man and person and I know he will be successful at anything he does.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony for Glenn Marunaka.

Sincerely,

Rick Beaman

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/24/2019 2:35:11 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Robert Katz | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I have known Glenn Muranaka for nearly 30 years as the General Manager of Meadow Gold Hawaii and a leader in Hawaii's dairy industry. He has consistently supported the development of Hawaii sourced food products and the need for sustainable Hawaii based food sources. He is a true innovative thinker and dedicated worker for Hawaii's food industry and will bring much needed management skills to our Department of Agriculture. During his years at Meadow Gold Hawaii Glenn earned the respect and trust of a mixed union and non-union workforce and demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

I urge the Committee to approve the appointment of Glenn K. Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Robert S. Katz

February 25, 2019

The Honorable Mike Gabbard
Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 201
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Appointment of Glenn K. Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture

Dear Senator Gabbard and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the confirmation of Glenn K. Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. I have had the privilege of working on several matters on which Mr. Muranaka served as President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. I have found him to be intelligent, dedicated, conscientious, compassionate, and most importantly, a person of unwavering integrity. I am confident in his ability and commitment to serving in the best interest of the people of Hawaii.

Mr. Muranaka has my highest commendations and greatest degree of confidence and trust. I look forward to his leadership role in the Department of Agriculture.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brant T. Tanaka', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Brant T. Tanaka
4018 Kilauea Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 1:56:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Eric Hara | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am pleased to give my recommendation for Glenn Muranaka.

I have known and worked with Glenn for about 30 years. He has several principles, that he has lived by that I believed contributed greatly to his success and leadership.

Caring - Caring for the people, the business, and the community was important. An example of his "Caring for the people" each year during the holiday's he visited all our company retiree's at home and expressed his appreciation for building the company over all the years. "Without the retiree" it would not be the successful company that we were. He cared about the business and was actively involved in all our departments, including our farms and producers. He understood how each part was connected and how it made a successful whole. He cared about the community, as he always reminded us of the importance to "give back" to the community, as they are the one that supported us. For me this was most evidence during our "budgeting" process, as the Donation and Contribution accounts always seem to be an easy account to cut back on, but Glenn would negotiate for these and find ways to be able to continually give back to the community.

Integrity – Doing the right thing and doing it the right way. He studied the laws and policies of our business, and he were someone everyone would go to get an opinion. He led by example and it was critical for him the keep his promises. His accounting background gave him the attention to details, and his extremely organize process and mind, kept projects and goals on track. He was constantly reminding our managers of our tasks, that we often forgot. He worked to get consensus within the managers, so that we all had a common goal.

Continuous Improvement - The environment, business was constantly changing, and we needed to change and keep improving. He did this with his reading. He has a passion for reading and learning new things. He was the one that always came up with the "BHAG" (Big Hairy Audacious Goal), and always was pushing us to expand our horizon. We saw many changes over the year, and Glenn, led these changes. He did not sit back and accept whatever our Corp headquarters guidance was. He analyzed what was best for Hawaii, and the associate of our Hawaii team and led continuous improvement using these analyses.

Quality - Quality in the product and our work performance was our most important goal. People will come back to a quality product. He encouraged input from everyone to improve our quality, welcoming outside consultants to review and getting line workers to give input and suggestion. He also empathizes that the Union should be viewed as a partner and not an adversary. He taught us the principle of synergy and partnership to improve quality. Safety and quality were always an agenda items during our weekly meeting.

Therefore, based on my 30 years of work experience with Glenn, I respectfully offer my full support for Glenn's confirmation. Should there be a need to further discuss Glenn's nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Submitted on: 2/25/2019 2:45:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| earl yamamoto | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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TESTIMONY OF EARL YAMAMOTO

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 1, 2019

1:15 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM 224

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE BOARD
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE

PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER

FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-22

Chairperson Gabbard, Vice-Chairperson Ruderman, and Member of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of confirming Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

In her term as Deputy to the Chairperson, Phyllis has proven her ability to effectively manage the Department's day-to-day operations – from the mundane to the atypical. Prior to her appointment as Deputy to the Chairperson, I worked with Phyllis for over 20 years on preventing the encroachment of golf courses, residential development, and industrial parks in the farming areas along the Leeward Coast. She provided the Department with information and insights that only farmers in the area could provide.

Phyllis may be soft-spoken but she is second to none in defending and promoting bona fide farming operations. I am confident that under her leadership, substantial progress will be made to protect and promote the productive use of agricultural resources necessary to achieve the State's food security and self-sufficiency initiatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with my testimony.

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/25/2019 2:59:58 PM

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Pete Schenkel | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I enthusiastically recommend Senate confirmation of Glenn Muranaka for the position of Deputy to the Chair, Hawaii Department of Agriculture. I've known and worked with Glenn for more than 25 years and say with absolute certainty that he brings it all: integrity, intellect, leadership, boundless energy and a true passion to help lift the lives of others.

Glenn was already a star in the dairy industry when our Dallas-based Southern Foods (now Dean Foods) acquired Meadow Gold in 1994. In the ensuing years, our company grew to become the largest dairy processor in the country. Glenn was a key player in our growth and it was a great day for us when Glenn was named President of Meadow Gold-Hawaii. From a pure-business standpoint, Glenn is a gifted leader. He possesses another gift as a people-person. As issues and opportunities arise, one of Glenn's top priorities is knowing how people—employees, suppliers, consumers—will be impacted.

He wants folks to thrive—to be happy, healthy—and his gift of compassion is sure to boost the Department of Agriculture in its mission of serving the people of your wonderful state. Please confirm this smart guy with a big heart. Agencies of government throughout America need more folks like Glenn Muranaka. Thank you,

Pete Schenkel

Retired President, Dairy Group, Dean Foods

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 9:49:12 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Dennis W. Chong Kee | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

To whom it may concern -

The purpose of this testimony is to submit my written support in favor of the confirmation of Glenn K. Muranaka as Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. I have known Mr. Muranaka for roughly 25 years. During this period of time, I was an attorney at Cades Schutte LLP and Mr. Muranaka served as an executive at Meadow Gold Dairies. I had the privilege and pleasure of working with Mr. Muranaka on a wide range of matters. Many of these matters involved challenging and complex issues but, in all instances, Mr. Muranaka was able to handle himself and represent Meadow Gold with the utmost professionalism and decorum. Because most of my communications with Mr. Muranaka are covered by the attorney-client privilege, I cannot disclose the contents of such communications. However, I can say that, based on my opinion and observation, he routinely made sound decisions in the best interest of the company he served which made the job of providing legal representation to the company a much easier task and very rewarding. I know he would do the same for the Department of Agriculture if confirmed.

During my time working with Mr. Muranaka, I also had the opportunity to observe Meadow Gold, under his leadership, serve as one of the leading companies in giving back to the community. Meadow Gold is a major presence at countless community and charitable events and this was no doubt a product of Mr. Muranaka's recognition of the importance of serving the community. This trait, which is part of his DNA at this point, will serve him well as a member of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Muranaka of course has many years of experience in the Dairy Industry. This is a great coincidence because many of the issues confronting that industry have been and continue to be at the forefront of the agricultural issues affecting our community. It is indeed unusual and serendipitous that Mr. Muranaka is available for this position when there is a need to fill a significant position within the Department of Agriculture. It would be a shame if this opportunity to fill the position with such a qualified candidate is wasted.

Mr. Muranaka's close ties to the community, his identification with and understanding of the community's culture and mores, his successful experience as a leader of a large organization, his sense of fairness, and his sense of professionalism, are all qualities

that make Mr. Muranaka eminently qualified for the position of Deputy Director of Agriculture and I support his appointment without any reservations.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Dennis. W. Chong Kee.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2019 2:33:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Alan Takemoto | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

Chair Gabbard and committee members:

My name is Alan Takemoto. I am personally writing in strong support of the Gubernatorial Nomination of GM 597 Mr. Genn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Muranaka has a weath of knowledge and experience in Hawaii's agricultural industry. As the long time and former General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies, he has the executive and leadership qualities necessary to work on difficult and complex issues. Mr. Muranaka is an excellent person to help lead the Department of Agriculture and the industry as a whole.

I respectfully urge your support and confirmation of GM 597 Glenn Muranaka.

Mahalo,

Alan Takemoto

February 25, 2019

To: Senate Agriculture and Environment Committee

From: Lois Hamaguchi, Educational Specialist
UH's Career and Technical Education Office

Subject: Letter of Support for Nominee Glenn Muranaka

Dear Senator Gabbard and Senate Committee members,

I am pleased to submit a letter of support for nominee Glenn Muranaka as Deputy Director for the State Department of Agriculture.

I have known Glenn for more than 18 years when I worked at Communications-Pacific, Inc. handling the Meadow Gold Dairies' account. He truly "walks the talk" and is a man of integrity, honesty, commitment, and dedication to his employees, to the community, and to the agriculture industry.

In his capacity as President of Meadow Gold Dairies, he handled many diverse and challenging issues. Some of these issues revolved around national chains wanting to take over or replace local Hawaii brands and the consequences of which would impact small farmers and local businesses statewide. Glenn always looked at ways to grow our local agriculture industry and support the state's local economy. He took proactive steps to bring together public and private decision makers to ensure thoughtful and solution-oriented discussions and decision-making.

Most importantly, he truly cares for people and has always given back to our community. Although he has been publicly recognized with many business and community honors, he is a very humble person and prefers to stay in the background giving recognition to others. I am honored to submit this letter of support for Glenn and know he will have the state's best interest in mind.

Sincerely,



Lois Hamaguchi

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/26/2019 6:09:35 PM

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| Toby Taniguchi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I highly support confirmation of Glenn Muranaka to deputy director Ag.

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Waye Katayama | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Writing in Strong Support of Mr. Glenn K. Muranaka for the position of Deputy Chairperson for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Muranaka, over his forty (40) years in positions of increasing responsibility, excercised Strategic vision, critical thinking and balancing environmental/cultural elements that would allow the growth of Hawaii's agriculturel enterprise.

As President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Daries - Hawaii, Mr. Muranaka provided critical leadership allowing his organication to grow its market share, increase the Meadow Goal brand value in a very intense competitave environment while addressing nvironmental issues as urban growth required changes to operations.

Mr. Muranaka has the skills to develop and implement a foundational frame work needed to grow agricultural production in Hawaii as stated in the Govenor's agriculture vision. Sustainable growth needs to be profitable, improve the environment in the community the agricultural enterprise is loacated and be sensitive to the cultural impact.

Mr. Muranaka has demonstrated the skills to develop such a frame work and implement the such a strategic plan.

Please support Mr. Muranaka.

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/27/2019 9:20:17 AM

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| Isaac Maeda | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support the nomination of Glenn Muranaka to the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Muranaka has extensive experience and success in agribusiness and will make an effective Deputy for the department.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Glenn Muranaka.

From: [Ronald Weidenbach](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:54:03 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the committee,

I support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

After 45 years at Meadow Gold Dairies, Mr. Glenn Muranaka remains dedicated to serving the agriculture industry. Mr. Muranaka's leadership, civic involvement, and familiarity with Hawaii's agriculture industry make him a perfect candidate for the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

His extensive background and years of experience would be invaluable to HDOA as they continue to fulfill their mission of expanding the role of Hawaii's agricultural industry to benefit the well-being of our island society by diversifying the economy, protecting resources important for agricultural production, and gaining greater self-sufficiency in food and renewable energy production.

I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Robert Paull](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:36:59 AM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Harry Yamamoto](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:56:52 AM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Jessica Radovich](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:38:25 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Mark Stoutemyer](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:43:13 AM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Dean Okimoto](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:57:23 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Joanna Nobriga](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:43:57 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [John Giblin](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:48:25 AM

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From: [Clyde Fukuyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:38:17 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [James Tavares](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:02:35 AM

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From: [Dusty Alderks](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:49:27 AM

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From: [Monica Ivey](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:50:26 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Jari Sugano](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:18:47 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Alvin Tsuruda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:18:52 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Kylie Matsuda-Lum](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:25:22 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [melvin kunitake](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:35:52 AM

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After 45 years at Meadow Gold Dairies, Mr. Glenn Muranaka remains dedicated to serving the agriculture industry. Mr. Muranaka's leadership, civic involvement, and familiarity with Hawaii's agriculture industry make him a perfect candidate for the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

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Mahalo!

From: [Christine Brammer](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:01:12 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Nicole Correa](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:49:11 AM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Charles King](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:10:25 AM

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Mahalo!

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To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:21:08 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Randy Cabral](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 10:31:21 AM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

TESTIMONY OF DAMIEN ELEFANTE
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019 1:15 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

GOV. MSG NO. 597

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GLENN K. MURANAKA, FOR A TERM TO
EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and members of the Committee. I am testifying as an individual and I am in support of Glenn K. Muranaka's confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

During his time at the Department of Agriculture he has developed an understanding of the department. His private sector experience and understanding is an asset and resource for the State.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Glenn K. Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2019 1:06:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Dylan P. Armstrong | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

February 27, 2019

Testimony of Mia Inoshita to the Senate Committee on Agricultural and Environment on
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:00 pm

Re: Governor's Message #597

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of
Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, **GLENN K. MURANAKA**, for a term to expire at noon
on 12-05-2022.

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony. I am writing in full support of Glenn K. Muranaka's confirmation to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

My name is Mia Inoshita and I have known Mr. Muranaka for 15 years both professionally, having the privilege of working with him at Meadow Gold Dairies, and now personally, as a friend and mentee. During his leadership as the President and General Manager at Meadow Gold Dairies, he created and fostered a strong culture of integrity and caring - for the employees, customers, partners and the communities in which we served. He retired with a legacy of great success.

Mr. Muranaka is a highly intelligent critical thinker who is deeply thoughtful and strategic. He values continuous improvement, collaboration and fostering meaningful relationships. These characteristics drive favorable outcomes that consistently prove to be successful. He is also very passionate and committed to agriculture in Hawai'i-he always has been. I truly respect and admire Mr. Muranaka and his character and contributions to Hawai'i and wholeheartedly believe he will continue to be a tremendous asset to the State if confirmed in this new capacity.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony in strong support of Glenn K. Muranaka, to the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. I humbly ask that you vote in favor of his confirmation.

Respectfully,



Mia Inoshita
(808) 445- 5605

February 27, 2019

Testimony of Michael Nishimitsu to the Senate Committee on Agricultural and Environment on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 2:00 pm

Re: Governor's Message #597

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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael Nishimitsu and it is my honor to submit the following testimony for nominee Glenn Muranaka, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

I met Glenn 15 years ago through mutual friends; and over the years, I have developed a friendship with him and his family. We have shared numerous conversations and interactions that have allowed me to witness his character, both professionally and personally. I can attest that he is tremendously caring, generous and operates with integrity in all he does.

Being born and raised on the island, Glenn has a deep connection and a well-known dedication to Hawaii. He has developed a breadth of knowledge and fostered relationships with the agricultural sector throughout his career at Meadow Gold Dairies. This has fueled his passion for agriculture and its importance in preservation of culture, restoration of resources, and as a means to bolster the economy. I believe it is this passion and dedication that make Glenn the perfect candidate and will aid in advancing agricultural development and opportunities throughout the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and favorable consideration of this testimony in support of Glenn Muranaka's nomination as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo,

Michael Nishimitsu

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Submitted on: 2/27/2019 3:16:04 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bahman Sadeghi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

February 27, 2019

Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Honorable Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Vice Chair

Dear Committee,

My name is Bahman Sadeghi former owner of Island Dairy on the Big Island (1986-2011)

I met Mr. Glenn Muranaka in 1986, controller of Meadow Gold Dairies at the time, to explore the possibility of starting a dairy in Hawaii.

Mr. Muranaka supported this initiative beyond any expectation, including arranging meetings with Bishop Estate to procure land.

Mr. Muranaka through out the 25 years of dealings, understood the importance of local milk and the bigger issue of land and feed production for the farmers. He witnessed the attrition of dairies due to these 2 major causes and was a staunch advocate to solve the challenges at its core.

Mr. Muranaka approached the challenges of the industry by seeking long term solutions rather than band aid remedies. As a former dairyman, I can say that he was Dairy industry's strongest supporter and if he can succeed in solving the same core issues that he believes in, not only will the dairy industry may see a come back but also other live stocks.

Respectfully,

Bahman Sadeghi

From: [Jill Coombs](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:46:24 PM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Dawn Bicoy](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 12:59:52 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Randy Yokoyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:40:17 AM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Verna Eguires](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:54:14 AM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Bronson Kahue-Burrows](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:47:31 PM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Roy Oyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 1:47:51 PM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Don Sakai](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 2:38:44 PM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Helena Miguel](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 2:48:51 PM

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Rodrigo Balala](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:42:11 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the committee,

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I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

Chair Gabbard

Vice-Chair Ruderman

Senators

I am testifying in support of Glenn Muranaka for Deputy Director of Agriculture.

Glenn is the only local boy to rise up thru decades of hard work to become President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies Hawaii. Glenn has many awards and achievements over the years that verify his capability of being Deputy Director .

Some attributes that the senate should consider:

-Glenn's passion for continuously learning. Being open to new ideas, processes, methods, and concepts to improve

-His love of Hawaii's Agriculture and its people

-His life long support of Hawaii's agricultural community

In closing, Glenn's retirement in 2017 provides the State of Hawaii the opportunity to bring on board someone with proven ability and passion for agriculture in Hawaii.

I encourage the Senate to confirm Glenn Muranaka for Deputy Director of Agriculture.

Mahalo, Brian Yamane

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Submitted on: 2/27/2019 4:36:09 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Derek Kurisu | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I support Glenn K. Muranaka for the position of Deputy Director for Hawaii Department of Agriculture. I worked with him over many years when he was the President of Meadow Gold Daries. I know he is a proven leader who has the ability to get things done. Being in the dairy business, he understands water, land, and environmental issues. He has the ability to make decisions on what is good for Agriculture based on what is good for the State of Hawaii. The network of people he knows, his understanding of the political system, along with his leadership skills will help to move agriculture in Hawaii to a higher level. I strongly support Glenn Muranaka for the position of Deputy Director for Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Thank you

Derek Kursu

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Submitted on: 2/27/2019 11:54:33 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| Ralph Hallquist | Individual | Support | Yes |

Comments:

My name is Ralph Hallquist and I have been a professional colleague of Glenn Muranaka since 1976. I worked with Mr. Muranaka during my 8 years with Meadow Gold Dairies of Hawaii, a time which spanned the late 1970s and again from 1997 through 2002. Throughout our years of professional association at Meadow Gold, as well as the intervening years, I have stayed in touch with Mr. Muranaka. And throughout these past 40 years I observed a constant theme in his professional as well as private perspective as a citizen of Hawaii: a deep respect and affection for Hawaii's lands.

Throughout our professional association, we had several opportunities to evaluate Meadow Gold's own land use needs and strategies. Under Mr. Muranaka's stewardship, his first question was always: "what is best for the state and how will our presence affect the lands we occupy? Because the state and it's needs will exist long after our own needs are addressed." In this regard, he recognized that all of us are only short-term custodians of the lands we occupy.

Mr.Muranaka's approach to public policy questions affecting our business also reflected another important dimension of his qualifications for this post: an abiding focus on strategy....understanding the 'long game' of what is really at stake. In short, he has consistently shown the ability to understand and project a concern for larger issues, extending beyond short-term expediency. I believe these to be essential qualifications for someone charged with formulating and articulating public policy (particularly in such an environmentally sensitive field as land preservation and management).

For these reasons I lend my full endorsement to the nomination of Glenn K. Muranaka as Hawaii's Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Thank you.

Ralph Hallquist

GM-597

Submitted on: 2/28/2019 12:04:31 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| J Ashman | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jason Ito | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support the confirmation of Mr Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Dir of the Dept of Agriculture. I have known Mr Muranaka for over 7 years. Over this time, he has been a staunch supporter of early education towards health and wellness and has funded improvements to the Honolulu Zoo's "keiki zoo". Mr Muranaka's efforts and support has improved the viability for nonprofits such as the Honolulu Zoological Society to further its mission to educate the keiki on its important mission to foster an appreciation of our living world by supporting and advocating environmental education, recreation, biological study and conservation. All of this inter-relates with agriculutre and Mr Muranaka will bring a balanced perspective to the dept's. efforts. His ability to work collaboratively with others will serve as a bridge to reconcile diverse opinons into an aligned vision. I have gained a tremendous amount of respect for Mr Muranaka during the short time that I have known him. Again, I sincerely and wholly support Mr Muranaka for this position. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2019 4:15:08 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

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| Eric Epling | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I worked as a public relations consultant to Meadow Gold Dairies for about 12 years while Glenn Muranaka was responsible for its Hawaii operations. Throughout that time, I was impressed by Glenn's love for Hawaii and its people, and for his commitment to not just dairy operations but to agriculture in our state. He was an active supporter of locally produced crops of all kinds and sought out ways to encourage the growth of agriculture in Hawaii. I also found Glenn to be of the highest character, often putting others before himself or by committing Meadow Gold to activities not because they directly benefitted the company but because they were the right thing to do. I encourage you to confirm him to the position of deputy director of agriculture. No one will work harder or bring more commitment to that job than Glenn.

From: [Joni Kamiya](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 7:54:02 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [donald sommer](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 7:57:44 PM

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Mahalo!

From: [Stephanie Iona](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:59:45 PM

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Here on Kauai Agriculture is the foundation of our livelihood on the westside. Many of us believe Glenn supports the Farm to Table program initiated by our Senate President and hope to work closely with him to continue this effort throughout our hospital systems, public safety, and schools.

I urge you to support the nomination of Mr. Glenn Muranaka as the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo!

From: [Kenneth Kadohiro](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:21:38 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Luly Unemori](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 597
Date: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:45:25 AM

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Mahalo!

From: [Carolynn Lum](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
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February 20, 2019

The Honorable Mike Gabbard
Chair, Agriculture and Environment Committee
Hawaii State Senate
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 201

Dear Senator Gabbard:

Thank you for your congratulations on my nomination. The following is my response to your questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture?

Through many years of working experience, I'm confident to be able to contribute in assisting HDOA double food production, improve biosecurity, foster farm-to-school initiatives, renewable energy projects, and marketing (branding) programs. Protecting our lands and water continues to be a passion and assisting with the initiatives to grow/support diversified agriculture throughout the state is a means to accomplishing sustainability.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture?

Align functions through the Governor's and Chair's vision and strategic initiatives. Leadership and guidance in various aspects of the HDOA including but not limited to brand development; quality assurance in specific project implementation; strategy development and execution; assistance in budget formation and appropriations; innovation/creativity; farmer outreach; people management and staffing.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture.

The HDOA is a very large business within a 'conglomerate' similar in complexity to my previous employer. The ability to 'turn-around' a waning business requires vision; versatility of skills; leadership; innovation; critical-thinking; product development; risk-taking; operational experience; marketing – all the qualities I'm fortunate to utilize given the opportunity to serve.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Assist in accomplishing the visionary goals of our Governor and Chair in doubling food production and reduce the dependence on imports.

Improve the marketability of our locally produced products to protect our lands and water.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Department of Agriculture?

Critical-thinker; innovative; committed to protecting our lands and water in Hawaii. HDOA benefits through becoming a greater economic engine for the state.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Department of Agriculture?

My experience in the area of marketing and community leadership could greatly assist HDOA foster an awesome Hawaii branding program beginning with raw agricultural products – Hawaii Seal of Quality.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Department of Agriculture? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Currently I do not foresee any conflicts of interests but should any hint of a conflict arise, I would immediately seek department AG guidance. We live in a relatively small community and many that reside have various businesses or contractual connections. 'Perceived' conflicts is inevitable and will require recusing myself (with guidance from counsel) in any 'perceived' conflicts requiring decision-making or voting.

Please do not hesitate to contact should there be other questions or clarifications needed.

Mahalo,



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