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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
8:30 a.m.

HOUSE BILL NO. 871
RELATING TO AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”). The ADC provides comments on House Bill No. 871, which requires the Department of Agriculture to conduct a management and financial audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

A management and financial audit will disrupt the daily and project based tasks of the ADC staff; creating possible delays in meeting milestones and requirements for fiscal and managerial administration. Additionally, it is not clear for the reason of the audit, as no negligence in fiscal nor managerial administration has occurred nor been reported. Also, the cost of the audit is absorbed by the audited organization. ADC does not have funds appropriated for an audit action.

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



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Chair
The Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

**H.B. NO. 871, RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

The Office of the Auditor has **no position** regarding H.B. No. 871, which requires that the Office of the Auditor conduct “a management and financial audit of the agribusiness development corporation.” **However, we offer the following comments and request clarification of the intended scope of the audit.**

We strongly suggest that the committee identify the specific programs or activities that it wants assessed to ensure that our report covers the issues that the Legislature is most interested in having us examine. We conduct performance audits in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require us to properly plan, document, and carry out work necessary to address “audit objectives” that we identify during the planning phase of our audit work. Without more specific direction we may develop audit objectives that may be different from those envisioned by the Legislature, and for that reason, the report may offer less value to the Legislature.

With respect to the required financial audit, we do not perform any financial audits in-house; rather, we contract with certified public accounting (CPA) firms to audit the financial statements of State agencies and for the State’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. If the intent of this bill is to have us audit the Agribusiness Development Corporation’s financial statements, we require an appropriation of no less than \$125,000 to contract with a CPA firm to do so or request that the bill specifically direct the Agribusiness Development Corporation to reimburse us the cost of the financial audit.

Finally, we note that, in addition to the financial audit, the bill directs us to conduct a “management” audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. The audits we regularly perform assess the performance of an agency’s operations, which may or may not include issues relating to the agency’s “management.” Unless the legislature has specific management-related issues that it wants us to assess, we suggest the words “management audit” be replaced with “performance audit” – a broader definition that may allow us to assess performance issues that may be more significant than management.

Thank you for considering our testimony related to H.B. No. 871.

HB-871

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 8:54:12 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:20:39 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
robert brower	surfrider foundation kauai	Support	No

Comments:

We strongly support this common sense Bill. Mahalo



**House Committee on Agriculture
Hawai'i Center for Food Safety strongly supports: HB871**

Dea Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and members of the committee,

My name is Autumn Ness and I am the Co-Director of the Hawai'i Center for Food Safety. HCFS is a nationwide public interest, sustainable agriculture nonprofit organization whose mission centers on supporting the increase of sustainable local food production, and increasing public transparency in food production. We have over 1 million farmer and consumer members across the country, including nearing 10,000 in Hawai'i.

I am writing in support of HB 871. The Agribusiness Development Corporation manages land and resources that, managed well, could propel the State of Hawai'i closer to its food sustainability goals. An independent audit by the state auditor would make the operations of the ADC more transparent and instill faith in the public that our public funds are being used to advance our state food sustainability goals. An audit will also be a useful tool for the ADC itself, serving as a catalyst for re-examination of operations in such an important time for Hawai'i's agricultural economy.

Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Autumn Ness, Co-Director
Center for Food Safety, Hawai'i Program



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FOOD SAFETY

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Mahalo nui loa for your support.

Autumn Ness, Co-Director
Center for Food Safety, Hawai'i Program

HB-871

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 3:23:26 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes

Comments:



**Chair Creagan
Vice Chair DeCoite
House Committee on Agriculture**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019
8:30 AM**

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB871 RELATING TO THE
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture,

My name is Jun Shin. I serve as the Environmental Justice Action Committee Chair for the Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA). YPDA represents approximately 1,000 Hawai'i residents, mostly of Honolulu who seek to build a Hawai'i that is just, equitable, and sustainable. YPDA is in **strong support of HB871 relating to the agribusiness development corporation** which if enacted will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

YPDA looks at this issue very seriously. We are in strong support of increasing our state's local food production and diversifying our agriculture because of the benefits and opportunities it can bring to local farmers. Alongside this, it can encourage more people to buy locally, which has benefits in itself including food safety, as well as helping the environment and supporting your local economy as Michigan State University pointed out in 2013 [1]. It is also a matter of thinking in the long term not only for us in the present, but the generations that will inherit the planet after us.

In the case of severe natural disasters and the gradual effects of climate change that are getting worse and worse, we as a state may find ourselves cut off from the mainland due to one of these factors. At that point, we need to be able to sustain ourselves and not be in a state of panic due to being cut off from imports. YPDA believes that with so much at stake, we need to do a lot more to hold the Agribusiness

Development Corporation accountable because as a public corporation with the mandate of diversifying agriculture and large amount of natural resources at their discretion, they have a big role in creating a much needed sustainable future for the islands.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture, and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals. Ultimately alongside the very important sustainable reasons, it really is also an important part of the issue of good government as well in our state. YPDA is in **strong support of HB871** and urges you to **please support this measure, and pass it through your committee.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

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[1] https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/7_benefits_of_eating_local_foods



Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i

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February 10, 2019

To: **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**
Representative Richard Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Re: **HB 871 – Audit of Agribusiness Development Corporation**
Hearing: Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Room 312

Position: **Support**

Aloha! Chair Creagan, Vice Chair De Coite, and Members of the Committee.

Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i strongly supports this bill. PDH is very much concerned about food sustainability and, distinctly, ensuring that our foods are not tainted and made dangerous by excessive pesticides, herbicides, and other toxins. Accordingly, we wish to see that the State ensure that the Agribusiness Development Corporation act as a responsible steward of the properties that it has under its control, and the crops that are being grown on those lands.

We understand that, right now, ADC is managing some 36,000 acres of land, and that it receives very substantial appropriations of State funds, yet it has never been the subject of an audit by the State Auditor. Without in any way casting aspersions on ADC's current management of these lands, we think that best practices require that an audit take place without further delay. There is no legitimate reason not to have one.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Alan B. Burdick, Co-Chair
Progressive Democrats of Hawai'i
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HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 8:18:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Mulinix	Our Revolution Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Our Revolution Hawaii is in strong support of HB871. Prior to the US takeover of Hawaii, these islands were 100% self sustaining. Currently some 90% of our food here in Hawaii is brought in from the mainland. This is not a sustainable system and places the health and safety of our state at risk.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation's (ADC) focus has been on helping large agribusiness interest, when it should be helping small local farmers to get access to affordable land and resources, because supporting small farmers, given the opportunity and resources, can increase local food production in Hawaii.

According to Regeneration International, the data shows that it is possible to obtain very good yields using organic systems. Organic agriculture from small farms is a viable solution to preventing global hunger because:

- It can achieve high yields.
- It can achieve these yields in the areas where it is needed most.
- It has low inputs.
- It is cost-effective and affordable.
- It provides more employment so that the impoverished can purchase their own needs.
- It does not require any expensive technical investment.

Please vote in support HB871.

Dave Mulinix, Organizer

Our Revolution Hawaii

LATE

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 2:39:34 AM
Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brodie Lockard	Organizing for Action	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 7:57:47 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joseph Kohn MD	We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support weeding out corruption at all levels of government and industry.

www.WeAreOne.cc

HB-871

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 4:56:41 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Una Greenaway	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair De Coite;

Mahalo for hearing this important bill. ADC has been operating with very little oversight from the beginning. Many people feel that it has been a big giveaway to BigAg. It is time that the auditors inform us of what is happening within the organization.

Please pass this bill in the name of transparency.

Aloha,

Una Greenaway

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/1/2019 2:51:16 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

YESSSSSSSSSSSSSS!!!! Audit the ADC!!! I'm sure the auditor will find a rat's nest of problems!

If it's as bad as many think, the ADC should be repealed & incorporated back into the Ag Dept. for more transparency & public oversight. The Ag Dept. can then direct some form of it back to it's original mission of helping REAL Hawai'i farmers! Huge Mahalo to the introducers!!!

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 8:48:35 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chuck Flaherty	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

I am testifying in conditional support of an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

There is no doubt the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) should be audited..

However, the audit should be a performance audit of the ADC by the Office of the Auditor of the State of Hawai'i (State Auditor). A performance audit of the ADC by the State Auditor will provide more relevant and useful information as was seen in the State Auditor's recently released performance audit report on the Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transportation.

A management and financial audit of the ADC by an private auditor will be more limited in its scope and not provide the state legislature and the public the additional information we are seeking.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Charles Flaherty

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HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:27:42 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunny Savage-Luskin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 7:41:14 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
denise woods	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, Please support this important measure. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) operates with little transparency, has a multi million dollar budget, manages 22,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands, and is not required to make local food production a priority. Their largest tenants are the agrochemical companies instead of being small local farms producing food for local consumption. A management audit is long over-due.

Denise Woods, RN

Kauai

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 9:35:04 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Morais Webster Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Your vote to move this bill forward will tell your constituents and the general public that you are on the side of small farmers and that you agree that the excessive influence/role of agri companies needs to be examined and reined in. This bill represents basic good governance. Passing this bill also says lawmakers are serious about addressing the need for local food production to feed the people of Hawaii. It will help correct the current imbalance in a landscape that is now weighted in favor of "agriculture" by big corporations while small farms producing food for local consumption struggle to make it. Please move this bill forward. Mahalo.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 10:03:16 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha legislators,

Yikes.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation operates with little transparency, has a multi million dollar budget, manages 22,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands, and is not required to make local food production a priority. Their largest tenants are the agrochemical companies instead of being small local farms producing food for local consumption. Audit already!

aloha,

Cory Harden, Hilo

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 10:04:39 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dylan Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) operates with little transparency, has a multi-million dollar budget, manages 22,000 acres of state-owned agricultural lands, and is not required to make local food production a priority. Their largest tenants are the agrochemical companies instead of small local farms producing food for local consumption. A management audit is long overdue.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 8:19:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This audit needs to be done and the opacity that stands needs to be taken down. Apparently they need someone with firepower to have them do their job, a common malady in all levels of government.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 10:07:26 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

aloha,

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) operates with little transparency, has a multi million dollar budget, manages 22,000 acres of state owned agricultural lands, and is not required to make local food production a priority. Their largest tenants are the agrochemical companies instead of being small local farms producing food for local consumption. A management audit is long over-due. Wednesday, 02-13-19 8:30AM in House conference room 312.

Please support this legislation for fairness and transparency.

sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

kailua-kona

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/10/2019 10:35:42 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Aitken	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB871 requiring the Auditor to conduct a management and financial audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Current bias favoring large agribusiness begs study.

-tom aitken, PO Box 800, KÄ• ne`ohe, HI 96744

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 1:04:27 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suellen Barton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 3:01:29 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Berrett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Accountability of the ADC to the people of Hawaii is necessary. And promotion of Hawaiian grown, non GMO food crops for local consumption is of paramount importance for Hawaii's future. Please legislate accordingly.

Mahalo,

Richard Berrett

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 12:46:52 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A management audit is long overdue. Pkease support this bill. Mahalo.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:08:11 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I strongly support HB871. The State Auditor must do a management audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. What is ADC doing with the 22,000 acres under its management?

Local food consumption must be priority #1. Currently, 90% of the food consumed here is imported. We need to grow more food for residents. I have seen estimates that there is a 5 -10 day supply of food in the islands. When the next hurricane or tsunami shuts down Honolulu Harbor, we are going to be in a world of hurt. Where will the food come from?

ADC needs to be audited and it must focus on supporting businesses which grow food for residents. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Randy Ching

Honolulu (makikirandy@yahoo.com)

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:22:30 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Regina Gregory	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:24:55 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 10:31:31 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A management audit is long over due!

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 11:44:22 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

A management audit is long overdue for the ADC which receives such large amount of our tax dollars.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 12:46:12 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marjorie erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

An audit of the ADC, with a huge budget and manages several thousand acres of state-owned ag lands, is NOT required to make local food production a priority. What is the matter with this picture? You know!! The audit is long-overdue; at least it's a first step in figuring out what should be the final outcome for the ADC. Maybe it's time to reconsider?

Mahalo for your consideration!

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 12:51:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 1:12:31 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
K. McGlone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 3:22:17 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Noreen Dougherty	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Representatives,

I am Strongly in Favor of HB871. It is imperative that this Bill be passed. An Audit is essential. The top priority of Agriculture in the State of Hawaii should be feeding the people of Hawaii, sustainability, exporting excess, and replacing the Big Chemical Companies (Pioneer, Monsanto, Syngenta, etc) with agriculture that improves the quality of our Ag Lands. Pioneer grows corn seeds on the West side of Kauai. GMO corn seeds. We should be growing food seeds, I/m in favor of growing sprout seeds that with our plentiful water can become food should a disaster occur. I say Audit fnow. Please vote in favor of HB871

Mahalo,

Noreen Dougherty

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HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 3:39:03 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Ritte	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I strongly support HB 871. The ADC has a very bad reputation in the community especially on west side Kauai and Whitmore village on Oahu. It is way past time, bring the ADC some sunshine, they are giving agriculture a bad name.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:24:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Strong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:17:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:25:35 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bianca Isaki	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha committee members,

Please pass HB871.

An independent audit by the state auditor can shine a light on how this public corporation operates. It is only fiscally responsible that a public corporation receiving large legislative appropriations, tasked with the management of large tracts of state agricultural land should have this level of oversight. An audit might also examine how the ADC is, or is not aligning its efforts with the Governor's mandate to increase our food self-sufficiency.

Mahalo for supporting this bill.

Yours,

Bianca Isaki

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:26:57 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ramona Hussey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB871 requiring an indepdent audit of the Agriculture Development Corporation (ADC). As a state agency, its mission and accomplishments should be transparent to us the citizens. This has become even more important when we consider food security...how are our food producing lands being managed.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:40:44 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maureen Datta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am vice president and co-owner of Adaptations, Inc., a regional food hub in Kealahou, Kona, which oversees the consolidation of the harvests from about 70 big island family farms and distributes the produce to more than 86 restaurants, 11 local processors, 14 retail stores, 3 schools, Kona Community Hospital and 125 families through our CSA, Fresh Feast. My husband Tane and I live in Honaunau on a seven acre diversified farm, which has been certified organic since the early 1980s. My first priority is supporting family farms and displacing imported food. I support Governor Ige's plan to increase local food production for local consumption. I also serve as the Kona Chapter president of Hawaii Farmers Union United.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,
Maureen Datta

Owner, Adaptations Inc.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2019 8:11:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
L.M. Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 6:48:44 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:24:35 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Stover	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My wife and I have been Maui residents since 1993, have been active in our local community, and have always taken a keen interest in having the islands be sustainable and resilient.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:25:55 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Rey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Subject Line: SUPPORT HB 871

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

Please vote in favor of an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. I am a concerned citizen and alumni of College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR).

I believe that this is an important measure because it will allow the public to have the full and transparent picture of what the ADC has been accomplishing. The work of the ADC is critical to food sustainability and food resiliency goals of the State of Hawaii so we must assess and keep track of its progress thus far.

Please vote in favor of this measure.

Mahalo,

Lisa Hinano Rey,

Honolulu, Hawaii

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:31:35 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle K.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/11/2019 9:43:58 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashlie McGuire	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 4:39:51 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

An independent audit by the state auditor can shine a light on how this public corporation operates. It is only fiscally responsible that a public corporation receiving large legislative appropriations, tasked with the management of large tracts of state agricultural land should have this level of oversight. An audit might also examine how the ADC is aligning its efforts with the Governor's mandate to increase our food self-sufficiency.

Given the recent large legislative appropriations to the ADC, and land acquisitions a financial and management audit is only reasonable.

Mahalo for your kind attention,

Brian Murphy

Maui, Hawaii

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 4:42:32 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Whispering Wind	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Lawmakers,

Aloha Committee on Agricultural,

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Given the recent large legislative appropriations to the ADC, and land acquisitions a financial and management audit is only reasonable.

Mahalo for your kind attention,

Mary Overbay

Puunene, HI

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:17:50 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Bickel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support an audit for ADC. The ADC is a public corporation with broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC would give us a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawaii's food security goals.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 7:38:54 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Francine Roby	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, Committee Members. I strongly support your passage of HB 871. ADC is a public corporation and requires accountability to taxpayers by having an independent and regular audit. I live on the Big Island and want our local agriculture to thrive, which can be helped by public funding of accountable entities like ADC. Mahalo.

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 8:28:24 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Parziale	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is John Parziale and I am a farmer from Kauai. I have been involved with agriculture in Hawaii for 23 years. My work is centered around food security for my community.

I am writing in support of an audit for the ADC because it is a public corporation receiving public funds toward food security for our islands. It is the public's right to know how this entity is performing with the lands under its management.

Mahalo, John Parziale

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 9:07:43 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the Committee,

As a resident of Kauai I strongly support the bill HB 871 and it's intent. This public corporation must be audited. At present this body only supports the interests of the profit driven Agro/Chemical Seed Industry instead of growing clean food. The land that it supervises should be open to small farms that can grow pesticide free food that can help with Hawaii's drive toward food growing diversification and sustainability.

mahalo,

Ray Catania 4215 Kole Place Puhi, may11nineteen71@gmail.com

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 11:00:08 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donovan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite

I am writing in strong support hB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Donovan Cabebe

AGRtestimony

From: Al-Qawi Majidah <amajidah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:44 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I'm a tax paying citizen who does subsistence farming on the weekend residing on Hawaii Island.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

A. Majidah Lebarre
Keaau, Hawaii

Subject Line: SUPPORT HB 871

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am Anita Yokota, a farmer from Waimanalo. As a farmer I know how much local produce is needed and wanted.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Anita Yokota, Waimanalo

AGRtestimony

From: Anne Thurston <athurston@irmt.org>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:56 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Anne Thurston. I live on Kauai. Like everyone I know, I am very concerned about local food production. I am therefore writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit. To be accountable to the people of Hawaii, an audit is essential. It will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawaii's food security goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Anne Thurston
3659 Keoniana Road
Princeville, Hawaii 96722

AGRtestimony

From: Bayhouse Hana <bayhousehana@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:25 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

William H. Chang, Hana, Maui

AGRtestimony

From: Rooted corpuz <rootedkmka@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:14 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Fwd: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

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From: brandi corpuz <brandicorpuz@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2019 at 08:10
Subject: Fwd: SUPPORT HB 871
To: <rootedkmka@gmail.com>

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From: brandi corpuz <brandicorpuz@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 10:24 PM
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871
To: <AGRtestimony@capital.hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Brandi Corpuz and I am a concerned citizen who currently lives on Maui. Although, I grew up on Molokai I have ohana on all islands. My experiences with ADC have been mainly centered around the Whitmore Project in Whitmore Village Oahu.

In the past 6 months I have witnessed some disturbing practices by the ADC! They have threatened the community, they created million dollar projects without any kind of community information or participation, they cut down hundreds of beautiful trees, they disturbed a bioremediation area with no documented proof that the remediation was complete and they have done everything mentioned with NO Environmental Impact Statement! They provide little information and have no regard for the community they are greatly affecting.

I am writing in strong support of SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). I believe this audit is needed because of the previous things that I have witnessed and for many more that have not mentioned. There mismanagement of the Whitmore Project and the amount of funding that they receive, should be enough for anyone to question what is going on with this corporation!

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large pieces of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

I do not believe that Hawaii's food security or sustainability is part of ADC's plans. Without Hawaii's people and our natural resources at the forefront of ADC's vision, this corporation can create more hardship than good for our islands.

Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Brandi Corpuz Kihei Maui

AGRtestimony

From: Carolyn Ringor <carolringor07@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:17 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Carolyn Ringor, and I was born and raised on the island of 'O'ahu. Growing up on 'O'ahu I was fortunate to be raised in a small community in which taught me values of simplistic sustainable living. Recently, lands surrounding my community as well as near by communities have been purchased by the state, specifically "ADC." As a concerned resident, I did my research and what I found was very disturbing as well as confusing all at the same time. ADC website was not updated since 2008, and did not have any current information on what their projects were for all the land they own as well as how it helps the future of Hawai'i's Agriculture. For all these reasons and the lack of transparency, I believe their needs to be something done. The first step is to hold them accountable and prove that they are using taxpayers money appropriately for a better Hawai'i.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,
Carolyn Ringor
'O'ahu, Hawai'i

AGRtestimony

From: Chris Hayden <chris@haydenhawaii.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 3:14 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I support SB 871

Categories: Blue Category

This is Chris Hayden, from Kauai.

I am a Kamahina since 1970.

Our family does not support GMO products ,in anyway, shape or form, period.

I am writing in strong support of SB871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

Mahalo

Chris Hayden

Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: Christine Ahia <cahia@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:08 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha,

I am writing to show my strong support for HB 871. I am Christine Ahia, a longtime resident of Hawai'i County. I volunteer with several conservation agencies, am a gardener, and am very concerned with agricultural sustainability for our state. I am also retired educator and would very much like to see that our future generations will be involved in, and/or benefit from a sustainable diversified agriculture on all of our islands.

HB 871 requires that the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) go through the audit process. Accountability is important to all of us in every business and government sector and it assists us in evaluating our performance and goals. Because the ADC receives very large legislative appropriations to purchase and manage large swaths of Hawai'i's prime agricultural land and water systems, the findings of an audit would be extremely valuable to see exactly how our public funds are being utilized.

As a taxpayer with interests stated above, I would like to know how the ADC's mandate of diversifying agriculture is being carried through with the huge amounts of funding that it receives. I would also like to know just how well ADC aligns with Hawai'i's food sustainability goals. This audit would provide legislators and the public with this valuable information and more. We cannot keep funding ADC solely based on the reports they send out, and we need to have facts and data from an audit.

Thank you for your consideration. Please join with me in supporting HB 871.

Mahalo,
Christine Ahia
Kalapana, Hawai'i

Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: Claudia Herfurt <claudia@kauaistyle.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Claudia, and for the last 40 years I have had a vision that Kauai would produce it's own food to be more sustainable. Now is the time for all of us to come together and implement a plan to make this possible, step by step.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,
Claudia Herfurt

AGRtestimony

From: Cory Harden <333cory@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:40 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Cory Harden, from Hilo. I support growing food locally, instead of relying on supply chains thousands of miles long and only having a few days' worth of food in markets.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

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Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Cory

AGRtestimony

From: .Cydney Blanchard <cydneyl22@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:07 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee, My name is Cydney Blanchard I am at a 40 year resident of Kauai and I am very concerned about the future of our islands environment.

I strongly support HB 871. We deserve to know how Our tax dollars are being spent. Big corporations should not be exempt from audits especially when they are using our tax money.

Please support HB 871.

Thank you,
Cydney Blanchard
3652 Albert rd.
Princeville

Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: David Dinner <gentlewaver@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:53 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Please pass HB 871 to require an audit of ADC. The state supplies too much money to this company to not track the outflow. It seems clear that at least on Kaua'i much of the support goes to agribusiness rather than farms that grow food to feed Kaua'i. How can we not be informed?

Mahalo for your consideration,
Aloha
David Dinner
Kilauea, HI

Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: Mrs. Woods <dbwoodsluv@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:49 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In strong support of HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

As a resident of Kauai I was shocked and disappointed to learn years ago how our public land is being leased to large agrochemical companies. Not only are these not Hawaiian companies who would generate and keep their profits in our economy, they don't even contribute to growing food for families here to eat which would help make our islands less dependent on imports. An audit of the ADC is long overdue. How do they justify this use of our lands?

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Denise Woods, RN

AGRtestimony

From: Donald Erway <dmerway@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:55 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

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Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Donald Erway
77-6455 Princess Keelikolani Dr.
Kailua Kona, HI 96740-2419

AGRtestimony

From: Elle Cochran <ellekcochran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 6:45 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: AUDIT Agribusiness Development Corp!!!!!!

I totally SUPPORT HB871!

To this point , Why give this rich entity DO NOT support HB 595 too! it gives this entity \$9million to purchase Molokai Dow DuPont Pioneer lands?!

Molokai could use \$9m for better things!!!!!!

At the very least keep Moloka'i in the loop about this and have informative meetings.

Mahalo for your service,
Elle Cochran
808-281-7709

AGRtestimony

From: Fawne Frailey <fawnephoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:43 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Fawne Frailey. I was born and raised here on Kaua'i and live in Kilauea.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Fawne Frailey, Kilauea

AGRtestimony

From: fern@hapahi.org
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:19 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Fern, Kapahi

Fern Ānuenue Holland BSc.

Marine Biologist & Environmental Scientist

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action Program Associate

Kapa'a Kaua'i Hawai'i

Ph: (808) 634-6242

AGRtestimony

From: griet de schaepmeester <grietds@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:06 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

[Please include an introduction that says who you are, where you are from and why this matters to you. Feel free to customize the following sample testimony as you see fit.]

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Griet De Schaepmeester, Kapa'a

AGRtestimony

From: Heidi Schemp <hithereheidi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:57 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha, my name is Heidi Schemp, I live in Kilauea in Kauai. I would like to send my support for auditing our ag business dev Corp ADC. We need to see how our funds are being used and we need to make Hawaii food secure. we need to have an honest comprehensive view of what is happening now in order to move forward.

We need this.

Thank you.
Heidi Schemp

AGRtestimony

From: Ila Faletoi <felila.faletoi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 2:20 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Felila Faletoi of Whitmore Village, Wahiawa Hawaii. This is my home and community the land surrounding Whitmore Village is agricultural lands. I grew up here and still till this day my family and the families in our neighborhood have practiced agricultural means everyday using the farm to table ethics.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

[Your Name, Town]

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Ila faletoi

AGRtestimony

From: Jazmine Corpuz <jocorpuz@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:07 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

My name is Jazmine Corpuz, and although I am from Moloka'i, I have also resided in Maui, Hawai'i, and currently 'O'ahu. I have recently gained interest in the mission and purpose of ADC, in which a lot of questions still remain. I have recently experienced working with ADC members in trying to advocate for communities in which ADC's recent land purchases have affected. In the search of educating myself, I have found a lot of information and have seen and heard of the ways ADC does business which is very concerning. This concerns me not only as a resident who has been directly affected but also as a person who is rooted in Hawai'i and it's culture. Agriculture and Land use is one of the biggest connections Hawaiians have to their culture, in which ADC has a lot of control over.

Mission of ADC to diversify and work towards food sustainability sounds appropriate, however, breakdown of the recent ADC lands by island can be found its own recent [report to the legislature](#), however it is not clear how much food is being grown for local consumption on these lands:

Kekaha, Kaua'i – 28,000 acres

Kalepa, Kaua'i – 7,000 acres

Central O'ahu – 1,200 acres

On Kaua'i it appears that their largest tenants are the agrochemical companies instead of being small local farms producing food for local consumption. From this report, it also appears that the agency has a contract with the local military base, PMRF. It is concerning that and agency tasked with "diversifying Hawai'i's agricultural lands" has basically substituted one pesticide intensive monoculture (sugar and pineapple) for another (seed corn).

In Central O'ahu the ADC managed lands, recently acquired from Dole, are currently at the center of a [recent evictions dispute](#). For decades, Whitmore Village community members had taken it upon themselves to malama the long abandoned Dole lands, supporting local food sufficiency by growing taro and banana patches, fruit trees, livestock and making their imu pits. Residents were given an eviction notices and large areas of their food abundant homesteads were bulldozed. Although the new ADC plans for Whitmore Village include a "food hub", it is not clear how the long-time community-based efforts will fit into that plan.

The ADC is a multi-million dollar public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large amounts of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals and culture values.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), and I hope that you will be in support of it too.

Mahalo Nui,
Jazmine Corpuz
Whitmore Village, 'O'ahu

AGRtestimony

From: Jo Greenwald <jogreenwaldhi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:06 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB871

Aloha,

My husband Ted and I live on agricultural land in Kapa'au on the Big Island.

We strongly support HB871. It is just not responsible, as taxpayers, to overlook accountability on so much of the land and funds that we contribute to.

We hope that you will support HB871 and bring the level of accountability that the ADC deserves.

Mahalo,
Jo and Ted Greenwald

AGRtestimony

From: Jonathan Boyne <boyne@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 6:47 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Boyne
96822

AGRtestimony

From: larry heller <hellerl001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:10 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). I have several friends who farm produce for sale at our local farmer's markets and to some local restaurants. They have a hard time finding good land to farm as most of it is being used by seed companies on the west side and in the Kipu area near Lihue. Seed Companies do not grow things for local consumption.

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths of land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

larry heller (Lawai)
hellerl001@hawaii.rr.com

AGRtestimony

From: LalaSun <alohalalasun@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:40 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,
Leilea Paauilo Hawaii 96776

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Lisa Parker <lisaparker@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I live on the island of Kauai and I am supportive of Hawaii's food security goals. I am concerned that many acres of land on Kauai which could be used to grow food are being used to test pesticides and grow gmo seeds which are not for food production and do not serve the residents of this island.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Lisa Parker, Kapaa, Kauai

AGRtestimony

From: Elizabeth Doyle <edoyleerr@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:05 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support Hb 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

Hello I'm Liz Doyle Hanalei Hawaii and I believe in this.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,
Liz Doyle

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: warriordesigns@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 7:52 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Subject Line: SUPPORT HB 871

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Loui Cabebe

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo nui,

Loui Cabebe
P.O. 628
Hanapepe, Hi. 96716

AGRtestimony

From: Maria Walker <maria.makaleha@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:24 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Supporting HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Committee Members,

I and my family are strongly in support of HB 871 and hope you will vote to pass this important bill. We are Kaua'i residents and see how much of our precious agricultural lands are being used by large interests who grow products to be shipped elsewhere, like seed corn, rather than growing food for our island and for the state. It is unconscionable that ADC should be a public corporation in charge of one of Hawai'i's most precious resources, ag land, and not previously had any audits or meaningful oversight.

I honestly feel that here on Kaua'i the lands and waterways under the ADC's control are being mismanaged and that the use this land is being put to is benefiting only the large ag corporations that use the land and water and pay almost no taxes and grow nothing edible for Kaua'i or Hawai'i. Governor Ige has mandated that the state work toward greater food self-sufficiency, and these thousands of acres could be instead used by local farmers to grow healthy local produce for our state. Knowing more about how the ADC works is a very basic foundational step toward ensuring that our ag land is cared for well so we can feed ourselves and pass the land on to future generations.

Thank you for your support of this important and reasonable bill.

Mahalo for hearing my testimony,

Maria Walker

PO Box 33

Kapa'a, HI 96746

(808)821-0732

AGRtestimony

From: mak221@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 6:55 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: WRITING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB871 AUDIT ADC

Aloha esteemed committee members:

I am writing in

STRONG SUPPORT OF HB871.

It is obvious that the ADC needs to be audited. It has no idea what it is doing, and it does do something, it aids mainland agribusiness instead of local farmers.

It must be audited ASAP.

Mahalo

Mark A. Koppel
31-392 Lepoloa Rd.
Ninole, HI 96773

AGRtestimony

From: Mary Lacques <hokuokekai50@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:28 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in strong support of HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

my name is Mary Lacques and I am submitting testimony in strong support of HB 871, which requires an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). I reside in rural Hale'iwa.

I have been aware of the ADC for several years and view them as a public agency that was formed with little public scrutiny. Their "attachment" status with the Department of Agriculture (not a branch, not a subdivision, not an agency) is in itself, concerning, and as a taxpayer, I feel an independent audit would clearly define their relationship with the Department of Agriculture.

The ADC has come under more scrutiny in the last few years, but the public became aware of the scope of their breach in 2016 when community groups filed suit against the ADC for violating the Clean Water Act's requirements to disclose toxic pollutants and waste water discharging from their irrigation ditches into the ocean in West Kaua'i. The ADC's actions not only violated the federal Clean Water Act, but also the public trust under the Hawai'i Constitution.

Since the ADC is a public corporation that receives large appropriations from your legislative body, and their mandate is "to facilitate and provide direction for the transition of Hawaii's agriculture industry from a dominance of sugar and pineapple to one composed of a diversity of different crops", an audit of the ADC will give taxpayers and the state a clearer picture of how funds are spent.

Please support HB 871, mahalo,

Mary Lacques

Hale'iwa

AGRtestimony

From: MaryLu Kelley <mkelley323@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:23 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am a 32 year resident of Kauai, and a home owner in Lawai since 2001. I am very concerned about the lack of the diversity in the ADC's leasing of lands and am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,
Mary Lu Kelley
Lawai, Kauai

AGRtestimony

From: Meredith Cross <malibumer.nunn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:15 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Meredith, my husband, myself and our 1 year old daughter live here on Kauai. We are in support of a self sustaining island that promotes health and well-being of the land and those who live here.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,
Meredith Cross
Kapaa, HI

AGRtestimony

From: nihipalim001@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:31 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support SB 871

Categories: Blue Category

I live in Hauula Hawaii and I'm very concerned that the ADC has never been audited and cannot justify how it makes decisions using tax payers money to control our land and waters.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Michele Nihipali
54-074 A Kam Hwy.
Hauula, HI 96717

AGRtestimony

From: Momi V <momiv808@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:21 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please Support SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee, I am writing you-all in very strong support SB 871, which will require an much needed audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission.

As such it has received " Large" Legislative Appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawai'i's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit. Please remind Yourselves that that our homeless Hawaiian People are need to be subsistence in order to be productive and Safe..

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals. Mahalo-Piha for your consideration. Please Please support HB 871.

Mahalo Momi Vee

Together, we all can protect our communities and Hawai'i's precious land-Aina and waters-Waiwai..

AGRtestimony

From: Morgan Bonnet <morgan.bonnet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:47 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am the DPH Chair of District 25.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Morgan Bonnet
House District 25

AGRtestimony

From: Neil Frazer <neilfrazer@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:41 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Supporting SB871

Aloha Senators,

A thorough audit of the Agricultural Development Corporation, as provided by SB871, is certainly in order. The current strategies of the ADC appear not to be working, and perhaps an audit will lead to improvement.

Mahalo for your unselfish service to the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,
Neil Frazer

112 Haokea Drive
Kailua, HI 96734

AGRtestimony

From: Patricia Blair <patriciablair@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 6:18 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I support HB 871, require audit of Agribusiness Development Corporation. Please pass!

Categories: Blue Category

Patricia Blair, Kailua, 888-6393

Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: Raj Kreisler <rajkreisler13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 6:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Bill 871

Categories: Blue Category

I urge you to support Bill 871. The ADC should be looking at long term sustainability and local food production. An audit is necessary to be able to judge their accomplishments for the residents of Hawaii. sincerely, Scott Kreisler

AGRtestimony

From: pkoamarshal.rdabaluz <pkoamarshal.rdabaluz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 7:37 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Subject Line: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Subject Line: SUPPORT HB 871

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

[Please include an introduction that says who you are, where you are from and why this matters to you. Feel free to customize the following sample testimony as you see fit.]

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Please support HB 871.

Mahalo nui.

Remedio L.k Dabaluz ..PKOA
IO AKUA Bless this message mahalo
Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

AGRtestimony

From: rexann dubiel <dubielsdesign@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6:20 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Yes, Audit!

The ADC needs to be accountable and transparent. Period.

An outside auditor must perform a detailed audit.

It's only right...I want to know how my tax money is being spent and by whom. If all is on the up and up, the ADC should welcome the audit.

Thank you,
Rexann Dubiel Shanahan
59-17 A KeNui Road
Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

AGRtestimony

From: Ruta Jordans <rutainkauai@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 6:28 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

As a concerned resident of Kauai, I am writing in strong support of HB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage much of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Ruta Jordans,

Kapaa

AGRtestimony

From: RE Lewis <sheltgrl@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:01 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing to urge the passage of HB 871.

Oversight of the public corporation, Agribusiness Development Corporation, by means of an independent audit is a reasonable way to insure that the corporation's acquisition and management of state lands and water systems, supported by large legislative appropriations via taxpayer dollars, is satisfying the goals of its mandate to diversify agriculture.

On Kaua'i, where I reside, it appears that the largest ADC tenants are the agrochemical companies instead of small farms producing food for local consumption. From this report, it also appears that the agency has a contract with the local military base, PMRF. It is concerning that an agency tasked with "diversifying Hawai'i's agricultural lands" has basically substituted one pesticide intensive monoculture (sugar and pineapple) for another (seed corn). Any intensive monoculture is ecologically unsound, unhealthy for the island's soils, air, water and people. In the context of climate change, a greater emphasis should be placed on sustainable agriculture with practices and products that feed people and protect the environment.

Because the management of state lands by this corporation are significantly funded by taxpayers and critical to the health of our island home and its residents, the transparency of a public audit is only prudent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth E. Lewis, Ph.D.
4875 Kikala Rd
Kalaheo, HI 96741

AGRtestimony

From: Sharon Douglas <sharrydouglas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 6:25 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Sent from my iPhone
Sharon Douglas, Kalaheo

AGRtestimony

From: Sheila Gage <isdrose@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:31 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Sheila Gage. I'm born and raised in Wahiawa 56 years, and my mothers generation of over 100 years is the same as well.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Please support HB 871.

Thank You for your time and consideration in this matter

Mahalo,

Sheila Gage

Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786

AGRtestimony

From: Sherry Harris <harriss023@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:08 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Sheryl A. Harris. I am a retired KVMH Emergency Room/Labor & Delivery Nurse for 27 years. I have lived on the westside of Kaua'i for 45+ years and raised 4 children here. There are a myriad of issues we face...affordable housing, up-to-date infrastructure, acceptable wages, pesticide-free farming, clean-up of our rivers and reefs, safety for our water sources, food security with organic farming, homeless interventions, drug-free communities. But this letter I am sending because it has come to my attention that I know nothing about this corporation that has received much of our agricultural lands and our taxpayer monies yet what exactly has the corporation done for Kaua'i, as clearly promised by them?

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Sheryl A. Harris

AGRtestimony

From: Kamaki <kamaki@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 2:03 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT SB871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

Aloha,

My name is Thomas Rathburn. I reside in Kea'au on Hawai'i Island.

I am a registered Democrat. Thank you in advance for considering my letter regarding Senate Bill 871.

I am writing in strong support of SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Thomas Rathburn
Registered Democrat
Kea'au, HI 96749

Thank you for taking action.

Together, we can protect our communities and Hawai'i's precious land and waters.

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: T Gambino <doubleohdreadlocks@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:23 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Thomas Davey. I have been a Kapaa, Kaua'i resident for almost twenty years. I am a business owner. And, I am an avid voter and activist who Loves these islands and the people of them.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Thomas Davey, Kapaa

Sent from my iPhone X

AGRtestimony

From: Tiana Laranio <holomuaorganics@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:44 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Tiana Laranio and I am a mother of 2 from the island of Kaua'i.

I am writing in strong support HB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Tiana Laranio, Kaua'i

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Eliel Starbright <elielstarbright@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:04 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

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I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,
Timothy Starbright , Kapaa,Hi.,96746

AGRtestimony

From: Tlaloc Tokuda <tlalocct@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:09 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Tlaloc Tokuda and am a member of HAPA and 350HI and have been interested in Hawaii agricultural lands issues since the early 70s when i was involved with Kalama Valley protest. I live on the Big Island.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Tlaloc Tokuda
Kailua Kona 96740

AGRtestimony

From: Trinette Furtado <peles808grrl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 8:02 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

‘O Trinette Furtado ko’u inoa. No Mauinuiakama mai au.

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Mahalo,
Trinette Furtado
Hamakualoa, Mauinuiakama

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Virginia Dunas <viriniadunas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:58 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I Support HB 871 to Audit ADC

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Virginia Dunas. I live in Po'ipu, Kaua'i, near Koloa, Kaua'i.

I am writing in strong support of SB 871, so that the ADC will be audited.

I want to know how ADC is spending our money regarding our water systems and ag land. I want to know if it is truly diversifying ag and if it does have the best interest regarding our food security goals.

Please have an audit done so that we can be sure that the ADC has our best interest at heart. I'd like to have answers to my questions. Please support HB 871.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Virginia M. Dunas
2371 HO'OHU ROAD
KOLOA, HI 96756

AGRtestimony

From: Jo Greenwald <jogreenwaldhi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:06 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB871

Aloha,

My husband Ted and I live on agricultural land in Kapa'au on the Big Island.

We strongly support HB871. It is just not responsible, as taxpayers, to overlook accountability on so much of the land and funds that we contribute to.

We hope that you will support HB871 and bring the level of accountability that the ADC deserves.

Mahalo,
Jo and Ted Greenwald

decoite1 - Hiilei

From: Gabriela Taylor <gabrielataylor40@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 11:54 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: support Bill-HB871

Legislators,

HB871 is an essential Bill to pass in order to audit the ADC regarding the outrageous misuse of our valuable Ag lands (28,000 acres) on Kauai . These crops are not providing food for residents , which is vital at this time of Climate Change when we are importing about 90% of our food here.

The ADC in conjunction with the Seed companies poison the streams, ocean, land and air nearby neighborhoods with toxic chemicals in order to conduct research for pesticide use . This creates both a health and an environmental hazard and needs to be stopped.

Please understand that Kauai is a small island and we need Ag land to grow food, not profits for Seed Companies. The health of our residents should come first. Please support HB871 to audit the ADC..

Thank you , Gabriela Taylor
resident; 5620 Keapana Rd
Kapaa, Hi 96746
808 320-7481

decoite1 - Hiilei

From: Nina Puhipau <pensandpencils@runbox.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 11:11 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support SB 871; Audit Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC)

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

Please accept this late testimony. My husband and I built a home downstream from Whitmore Village. Studying environmental concerns in the area caused us to move out of the area.

"In Central O'ahu the ADC managed lands, recently acquired from Dole, are at the center of a recent evictions dispute. For decades, Whitmore Village community members had taken it upon themselves to malama the long abandoned Dole lands, supporting local food sufficiency by growing taro and banana patches, fruit trees, livestock and making their imu pits. Residents were given eviction notices to vacate the land they had been care taking of, and in some cases their food abundant homesteads were bulldozed. Although the new ADC plans for Whitmore Village include a "food hub", it is not clear how the long-time community-based efforts will fit into that plan." Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action

The ADC appears counter-intuitive to individuals and communities living with the land. The ADC has been given hold of more money than necessary to organize their books. Audit the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

`E ola ka`āina, `e ola ke kanaka, `e ola ke kaiāulu, Nina Kai Puhipau

"Whether we and our politicians know it or not, Nature is party to all our deals and decisions, and She has more votes, a longer memory, and a sterner sense of justice than we do." -Wendell Berry

decoite1 - Hiilei

From: samsmall@ptd.net
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 11:26 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

[Please include an introduction that says who you are, where you are from and why this matters to you. Feel free to customize the following sample testimony as you see fit.]

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Mahalo,
Sam Small
Makawao

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 1:39:00 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elif Beall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

My name is Elif Beall, and I am an attorney and concerned resident of Kauai. Local food production and self reliance are high priorities, and are becoming even more important as we begin to experience the affects of climate change that have been predicted for so long.

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Mahalo,

Elif Beall

Kilauea, Kauai

decoite3 - Richard

From: Marisa Akiona <maakio@monsanto.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 4:08 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I Support HB 1095

Categories: Red Category

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From: Dustin Alderks <dusty.alderks@gmail.com>
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From: Rodrigo Balala <rbalala@pineapplemaui.com>
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From: Scott Bloemke <sjbloemke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:04 AM
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Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 7:30 AM
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From: Alex Franco <afrancokaupo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:16 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Gregory Friel <gregf@haleakalaranch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 5:46 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I Support HB 1095

Categories: Red Category

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, & members of the committee,

I support HB 1095, which appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig and axis deer control on the island of Maui.

As feral pig populations continue to grow across the state, problems relating to feral pigs have drastically increased, affecting farmers and ranchers. Feral pigs destroy agricultural crops by digging up the soil for food and creating niche spaces for other non-native species. This will be an ongoing problem unless feral pig populations are reduced. The axis deer population on the island of Maui is also causing destruction of livestock forages and vegetable crops as well as becoming a major danger along the roadways. It will be a matter of time before they do irreversible damage to our Watershed areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

decoite3 - Richard

From: Greg Colden <kokoha@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6:46 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I Support HB 1095

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From: John Gordines <gordines@kauaiflowers.com>
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From: Laila Jayyousi <kalua1@hotmail.com>
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From: Larry Jefts <thefarms@aloha.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:18 AM
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decoite3 - Richard

From: Valerie Kaneshiro <valeriekaneshiro@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:17 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I Support HB 1095

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, & Members of the Committee,

I strongly support HB 1095, which appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig control.

As a domestic pig farmer, I hear a lot of pig stories concerning our notorious ugly cousins, the feral pigs. We suffer heartbreaking losses ourselves from feral pig damage. I'm very aware of the fact that many people still proliferate feral pigs by feeding them in the wild, for various reasons. This has to stop. I suggest a good place to start control would be creative Public Service Announcements educating people not to proliferate the feral pigs by feeding them.

As feral pig populations continue to multiply uncontrolled across the state, problems relating to feral pigs have drastically increased, negatively affecting farmers and ranchers. Feral pigs will come in and ravage beautiful crops that took months of hard work to grow. Their wallows create breeding grounds for mosquitos and non-native species. These problems will continue to multiply unless feral pig control measures are identified and implemented.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

decoite3 - Richard

From: Roderick Kanoa <rkonoa36@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:09 AM
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From: Adam Killermann <apkajar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 5:51 AM
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decoite3 - Richard

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Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 6:25 AM
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Subject: I Support HB 1095

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

decoite3 - Richard

From: Loraine Terada <loraineyumi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:39 AM
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Categories: Red Category

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From: TinMyaing Thein <myaing2@pacificgatewaycenter.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:33 AM
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From: Stephanie Whalen <swhalen@harc-hspa.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 7:20 AM
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From: Janoah Young <kaniwildlifecontrol@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I Support HB 1095

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Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, & members of the committee,

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As an owner of a wildlife control company, we field the phone calls from our community regarding feral hogs. We have customers who have been bit, one whose grandchildren cannot play in the back yard, another who cannot leave her house when the pigs are outside. The complaints we get go on and on. Our community needs help with controlling this problem. The problem is too large for residents to handle on their own. We beg you for your support! We need help reducing the pig population across the state!

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decoite3 - Richard

From: Alan Van Zee <alanvzee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 7:38 AM
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AGRtestimony

From: Morgan Bonnet <morgan.bonnet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 9:47 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 871

Categories: Blue Category

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

I am the DPH Chair of District 25.

I am writing in strong support SB 871, which will require an audit of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC).

The ADC is a public corporation that has broad powers to execute its mission. As such it has received large legislative appropriations to acquire and manage large swaths land of Hawaii's prime agricultural land and water systems. Yet despite receiving and managing millions of taxpayer's dollars, the ADC has never undergone an independent audit.

An audit of the ADC will give legislators and the public a better sense of how it is utilizing public funds to execute its mandate of diversifying agriculture and also a sense of how well it is aligning with Hawai'i's food security goals.

Please support HB 871.

Mahalo,

Morgan Bonnet
House District 25

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 2:48:18 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Koohan Paik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 2:55:54 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ChristopherMcCullough	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 3:14:49 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 3:19:58 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Caron	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 4:04:46 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chezlani Casar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-871

Submitted on: 2/12/2019 6:46:21 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Stowell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Asking you to please support bill HB 871.

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HB-871

Submitted on: 2/13/2019 7:41:07 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/13/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kuulani Muise	Individual	Support	No

Comments: