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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI  
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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
2:00 p.m.

HOUSE BILL NO. 860 HD1  
RELATING TO LAND AND BUILDING ACQUISITION

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC"). The ADC supports House Bill No. 860 HD1, which appropriates funds to the Agribusiness Development Corporation for the acquisition of certain property, provided that the price does not exceed the amount appropriated.

TMK (1) 9-2-001:011-0000 is located at 94-488 Kunia Road on Oahu and encompasses 282 acres with existing baseyard and greenhouse infrastructure. The existing facilities and buildings are in good working order and can be repurposed with minimal changes. This parcel will have multiple purposes, which may include certain HDOA Animal Industry and Plant Industry activities, research and development projects for outdoor and controlled environment growing systems, and commercial agriculture.

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

**HB-860-HD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Micah Munekata	Hawaii Department of Agriculture	Support	No

Comments:

The Department supports this measure.



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HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**TESTIMONY ON HB 860, HD1**  
RELATING TO LAND AND BUILDING ACQUISITION

Room 308  
2:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau is in support of HB 860, HD1**, which appropriates funds to the agribusiness development corporation to acquire the Kunia Dow DuPont Pioneer Land.

HFB believes that in order for agriculture to flourish in Hawaii and reach their full potential, land availability and long-term leases at affordable and predictable lease rental rates are critical. The acquisition by the ADC of farmland in Kunia will significantly increase the available agricultural land under the State's control and will provide farmers with long-term leases that will enhance the economic viability of Hawaii's agriculture industry.

We believe this is an opportunity to further support and expand the state's ability to provide agricultural lands for farmers, which is consistent with the State's goal of increasing self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

**HB-860-HD-1**

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Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Jessica Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: