

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1760

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 16 2021

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 512

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 512, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

G.M. No. 512      GLENN HONG,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2022,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Glenn Hong for service on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Glenn Hong from the Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Matson; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Ponoholo Ranch Limited; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; The Maritime Group; Scott E. Enright Company LLC; and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Hong's background, experience, and dedication to public service qualify him for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Your Committee finds that Mr. Hong formerly served two terms on the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Hong's service on the Board of Agriculture provides him an understanding of the Department of Agriculture and Agribusiness Development Corporation's roles in promoting commercial agriculture growth. During his tenure, Mr. Hong



developed an understanding of the need to move toward greater food security in agriculture, especially considering Hawaii's geographic location and prior history as a self-sufficient society. Mr. Hong is dedicated to building a robust agricultural industry based on product diversity, and entrepreneurship, supportive of employment growth, agricultural land preservation, watershed protection, and broad-based community development.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Hong has previously offered his professional experience and background in fiscal administration, governmental relations, strategic planning, employment initiatives, resource allocation, and the maritime and transportation industries. These experiences have broadened his ability to ask pertinent questions, identify potential options, and guide organizations toward desired outcomes. As the former President of Young Brothers Limited, an inter-island cargo common carrier, Mr. Hong provided incentives for Hawaii's local farmers and ranchers with discounted agricultural rates and implemented responsible management practices to prevent the interisland movement of invasive species. Under his leadership, Young Brothers has undergone fleet modernization initiatives to meet statewide cargo needs.

According to testimony, Mr. Hong consistently demonstrates his commitment to teamwork, takes initiative, possesses strong analytical skills, and remains committed to his principles with the highest degree of ethics and diplomacy. His experience with small businesses, marketing, and management will contribute significantly to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation's efficiency and ability to concentrate on critical issues.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,

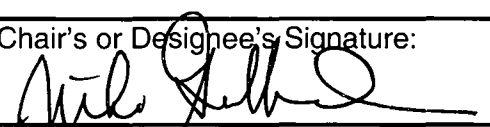
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM 512</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN</b>	Date: <b>03/31/2021</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)				✓
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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