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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**APRIL 8, 2022 - 1:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224 & VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 551
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GLENN HONG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2026**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 551 that submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC), Gubernatorial Nominee, Glenn Hong, for a term to expire on June 30, 2026. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Glenn Hong.

Mr. Hong formerly served on the Board of Agriculture where he provided a unique voice to the Board as an experienced and successful professional in fiscal administration and the transportation industry. Mr. Hong served as the President of Young Brothers from 1992 – 2018, where he found ways to provide incentives for Hawaii's local farmers and ranchers with discounted agricultural rates and implement responsible management practices to prevent the interisland movement of invasive species.

Mr. Hong's professional experience and commitment to Hawaii's agricultural industry is valuable to the Board of Directors and for the success of ADC. Mr. Hong has served as a member on the ADC Board since 2021 and the Department supports the nomination of Mr. Glenn Hong for a second term.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Friday, April 8, 2022
1:00 PM

GM 551 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN HONG, for a term to expire 6-30-2026.

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) supports Mr. Glenn Hong’s appointment to the Board of Directors of the ADC.

Mr. Hong has served as the President of Young Brothers from 1992 to 2018. He has extensive experience in finance and government affairs and is a respected member of the Hawaii business community. Under Mr. Hong’s leadership, Young Brothers has undergone fleet modernization initiative to meet statewide cargo needs into the next generation.

Mr. Hong’s appointment will expand the depth and broad representation of ADC’s Board and we are confident that he will continue his decades-long commitment to serving the people of Hawaii. For these reasons, we respectfully ask for your support of Mr. Hong’s appointment to serve as a member of the ADC Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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April 8, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON GM 551

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, GLENN HONG, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau strongly supports GM 551, seeking the confirmation of Mr. Glenn Hong to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Many speak about the importance of agriculture but few are willing to make the commitment needed to implement actions that enhance the industry's ability to support the viability of farmers and ranchers. Mr. Hong, in his previous position at Young Brothers, has demonstrated a commitment to the industry, willing to listen and seek solutions when challenges are encountered. He understands that plans deliver ideas but it is action that results in true support for the farmer and rancher.

Mr. Hong's pragmatism is critical to ADC during this trying time. His common-sense approach, separating wishful thinking from practical implementation is an important character needed to guide the Board on priorities needed for the industry.

HFB respectfully requests your strong support of Mr. Hong's confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson Navigation Company
Support GM551
Before the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
April 8, 2022

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee,

Matson Navigation Company supports GM551, which nominates Glenn Hong to continue to serve on the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Mr. Hong is an outstanding accountant with an accounting degree from one of the most prestigious universities in the country and extensive experience in audit, taxation, and management consulting.

His decades of experience in the maritime and transportation industry give him unique insight into how logistics supports of our state's agricultural industry. We have worked with Mr. Hong on maritime issues and have always found him to be open, fair, and transparent. We believe he will execute his duties with fairness and competence.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support.

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GM551, Glenn Hong, Gubernatorial Nominee for the Board of Directors
Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC)
Senate AEN Hearing
Friday, April 8, 2022 - 1:00 pm
Conference Room 224

Testimony By: Larry Jeffs
Position: Support

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

I am Larry Jeffs, owner and operator of Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC. We have more than 42 years of Hawaii farm experience on Molokai and Oahu. Our family farms produce about 1 million pounds weekly of import replacement produce. I am a volunteer director, serving as Chair of the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). I have been an officer of the Hawaii Farm Bureau for many years.

I fully support Mr. Hong's gubernatorial nomination to the ADC. His former tenure on the Hawaii Board of Agriculture (2012-2020) gives him an understanding of the HDOA and ADC's roles in promoting commercial agriculture growth. His current appointment to the ADC Board provides him with a firm grasp of ADC's challenges and opportunities to move forward for a more robust agricultural industry.

His extensive internal audit functions in organizations such as Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co, Hawaiian Telephone Company, and its GTE-Telephone Operations in Stamford, Connecticut, will help with ADC's realignment of operational policies and procedures.

Please support Mr. Hong's renewed nomination to the ADC Board of Directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-551

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 1:50:02 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support



April 8, 2022

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Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support GM 550, seeking the confirmation of Mr. Glenn Hong to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Many speak about the importance of agriculture, but few are willing to make the commitment needed to implement actions that enhance the industry's ability to support the viability of farmers and ranchers. Mr. Hong, in his previous position at Young Brothers, has demonstrated a commitment to the industry, willing to listen and seek solutions when challenges are encountered. He understands that plans deliver ideas, but it is action that results in true support for the farmer and rancher.

Mr. Hong's pragmatism is critical to ADC during this trying time. His common-sense approach, separating wishful thinking from practical implementation is an important character needed to guide the Board on priorities needed for the industry.

I respectfully request your strong support of Mr. Hong's confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Brian Watanabe
President
Island Grown Foods, Inc.
Dbas: Hawaii Food Products



April 8, 2022

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Sen. Mike Gabbard, Chair; Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair; and Committee Members
Public Hearing, April 8, 2022 , 1:00 p.m. - State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL OF THE MARITIME GROUP
IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 551
(GLENN HONG – BOARD OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT CORP)

My name is William F. Anonsen, the Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group. I respectfully would like to express my personal support for the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Glenn Hong to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Through my professional and personal association with Mr. Hong for many years, I have found him to be a dedicated individual who consistently performs his professional and civic responsibilities with a sense of commitment, pride, and duty. He has the professional credentials, years of experience and personal attributes necessary that make him an outstanding nominee which he has consistently demonstrated by his years of dedicated service to Hawaii's transportation industry and our island communities.

Mr. Hong is a leader in our community and a team player who works well with all people and is an excellent facilitator. He has demonstrated on several occasions, his strong analytical skills, and his ability to remain committed to his principals, always with the highest degree of ethics and diplomacy in times of heated conflicting opposition. I have always found him to carefully consider difficult issues, and through a structured investigative process and mindset, he develops calculated decisions that address and work to resolve an issue. Most important, Glenn stands by his beliefs and principals, strongly defending them skillfully and with respectful tact.

Mr. Hong is well versed in a myriad of agriculture issues and is an individual of unquestionable integrity and fairness and has my personal vote of confidence on the Board. The success of the mandated mission of the Department of Agriculture is too important to our remote island state and deserves strong leadership and commitment to purpose.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this distinguished business and community leader

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

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Managing Partner/Principal



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April 8, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON GM 551

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of
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GLENN HONG, for a term to expire 06-30-2025

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

I am Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau. The Maui County Farm Bureau supports GM 551, seeking the confirmation of Mr. Glenn Hong to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. Mr. Hong's background and experience in relation to agriculture is invaluable as ADC continues to develop successful and well managed commercial agricultural businesses. His ability to listen, analyze, and develop solutions to issues will help ADC reach it's goals. He has demonstrated these characteristics in his previous position with Young Borthers, Ltd.

We respectfully request your strong support of Mr. Glenn Hong to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

GM551

Agribusiness Development Corporation, GLENN HONG

Friday, April 8, 2022, 1:00 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

The Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawai'i, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawai'i 's cattle producers.

The Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council **supports GM551** to confirm Gubernatorial Nominee, Glenn Hong, to the Agribusiness Development Corporation of a term to expire 06-30-2026.

Mr. Hong's pragmatism is critical to ADC during this trying time. His common-sense approach, separating wishful thinking from practical implementation is an important character needed to guide the Board on priorities needed for the industry.

Nicole Galase
Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director



GM-551

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 12:06:56 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J Ashman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the confirmation of Glenn Hong to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.