



Written Statement of
Len Higashi
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Hawaii Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development and Tourism

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
3:00 p.m.
Videoconference

In consideration of
GM621
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, RICK VOLNER JR., for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Misalucha, and Members of the Committee.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to **support** the confirmation of Mr. Rick Volner Jr. to the board of the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

I have had the privilege of meeting Rick recently upon his appointment to the HTDC board. Rick is very approachable, community-minded and has an impressive executive leadership background. He will bring a Maui kama'āina's perspective to the board and has extensive experience in agriculture which will be a valuable asset for our INNOVATE Hawai'i program and its value-added agriculture manufacturing programs. I look forward to having his leadership on the board in the years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and I encourage your favorable vote on his behalf.