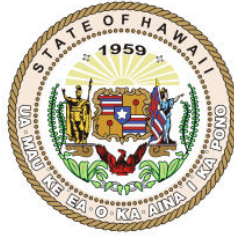


# **GM501**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.**



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HONOLULU, HAWAII

David Y. Ige  
Governor

Testimony on GM 501  
Confirmation of Scott Enright  
Chairperson, Department of Agriculture

Governor David Y. Ige

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

April 2, 2015  
2:45 PM in Room 414

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the re-appointment of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and Director of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright previously served as the department's Deputy since 2012 and was promoted to the position of Director in 2014.

This administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I'm confident that Scott Enright will support our department employees in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.



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Testimony on GM 501  
Confirmation of **Scott E. Enright**  
Chairperson, Department of Agriculture

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Thursday, April 2, 2015  
2:45 PM  
Conference Room 414

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott E. Enright, as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright is known to me as a solid and considerate individual who possesses the skills, temperament and background to lead one of the State's most critical and fundamental departments to grow a truly sustainable agricultural model for the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Enright's professional career includes extensive experience in the agriculture sector with a strong understanding of land use planning and policy pertaining to agriculture in Hawaii. He is well known in the local community as he serves on numerous commissions and boards as a valuable contributor of leadership, problem solver, conflict resolution and most noteworthy, his humbleness and integrity in his deliberations.

It is an honor to offer my support for the confirmation of Scott E. Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture and in my opinion, you will not find a more qualified nominee.

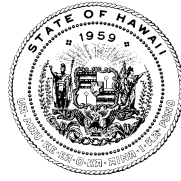
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
IN SUPPORT OF

**GM 501, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.**

April 2, 2015

Aloha Chair Ruderman, Vice-Chair Riviere, and Members of the  
Committee:

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor  
Ige's nomination of Mr. Scott Enright to lead the Department of  
Agriculture (DOA).

Mr. Enright is well-qualified for this position and has the  
academic and professional credentials to successfully and effectively  
carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Chair of the Board of  
Agriculture and the Director of the Department of Agriculture. During  
his tenure as the both the deputy and chairperson at the Department of  
Agriculture, Mr. Enright has demonstrated a strong interest in  
supporting agricultural activities on Hawaiian home lands.  
Specifically, DHHL worked with him on addressing concerns related  
access to water on our lands on Molokai. We believe he has an open and  
collaborative leadership approach and DHHL looks forward to continuing  
to work with Mr. Enright and the Department of Agriculture on issues



*Department of Hawaiian Home Lands*

*GM 501*

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that impact our homestead farmers and ranchers and enable us to rebuild our agricultural homesteading program.

We look forward to working alongside Mr. Enright for the next four years, and we respectfully urge your committee to advise and consent to this nomination. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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March 31, 2015

**TO:** The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
The Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture

**FROM:** Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

**SUBJECT:** **GM 501 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.**

Hearing: Wednesday, April 2, 2015; 2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 414, State Capitol

I am writing **in strong support** of the confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Although I only recently met Scott, I have been impressed with his knowledge, thoughtfulness, and commitment to serving Hawaii.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides empowering programs, services, and benefits to those in our community who are vulnerable with the goals of expanding their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity. The well-being of our children, families, and *kupuna* is directly connected to the social determinants of health: education, transportation, access to healthcare, housing, job opportunities, environment, and food supply. In other words, access to locally-grown produce and foods, as well as healthy plants and animals directly impact our own health. The Department of Agriculture's efforts are therefore connected to our work at DHS, and we are invested in its

success. I hope to work with Scott at the Department of Agriculture and continue to collaborate across departments.

Thank you for your serious consideration of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

AND BY RODERICK K. BECKER  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

STATE OF HAWAII

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
ON  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 501

April 2, 2015  
2:45 P.M.

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Dear Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the Committee:

We support the confirmation of Scott Enright to the position of Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We will strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our kupuna, ourselves, and our children.

Mr. Enright is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner. Therefore, we support his confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony by Adolph Helm  
Dow AgroSciences  
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Senate Committee on Agriculture  
GM 501: Confirmation Hearing for Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
Scott Enright

State Capitol Room 224 Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:45 pm

**Testimony in Strong Support**

Aloha Chairman Ruderman, Vice Chairman Riviere and fellow committee members;

My name is Adolph Helm, Project Leader for Dow AgroSciences (DAS) Mycogen Seeds. I am also a homestead farmer and associate business owner for two small scale family farm operations. On behalf of the Dow AgroSciences (DAS) seed farm operations in Hawaii; I would like to express our strong support for Mr. Enright's confirmation as Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture (DOA). Mr. Enright has been a very pro active supporter and advocate for agriculture and for farmers both big and small. His work experience and outstanding people and communication skills is what Hawaii needs to lead the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright has shown that in order to create a viable and sustainable future in Hawaii we need to recognize and accept the value and benefits all agriculture producers bring to the table.

Not only does Mr. Enright bring hands on experience in a wide range of agriculture related activities, he has the professional credentials to resolve conflicts and has already moved forward in driving and helping to lead the Kauai Joint Fact Finding (JFF) partnership initiative, a science base fact finding effort addressing questions relating to pesticides and the cultivation of genetically modified crops. Mr. Enright also initiated and implemented the Good Neighbor Policy (GNP), a collaboration process developed to provide more information and education on pesticide use on the island of Kauai.

From my vantage point Mr. Enright has done a great job in overcoming obstacles and critics by establishing and leveraging opportunities to collaborate. In addition he has made tremendous progress initiating a mitigation plan to address the coffee berry borer, coconut rhinoceros beetle and fire ant issue. He also played a key role in developing the dairy and grass-fed beef industry and provided direction for improving infrastructure for irrigation systems statewide. Despite limited resources and confronted with a myriad of issues, Mr. Enright as chairperson of the DOA has done an excellent job managing his 240 employees statewide and directing the department's mission to support, enhance and promote a sustainable future for Hawaii.

We humbly ask that you consider Mr. Enright's confirmation as Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo



**Testimony from Biotechnology Industry Organization  
In strong support of  
GM-501 submitting for consideration and confirmation  
As Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT  
ENRIGHT  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, April 2, 2:45 pm, Room 414**

Aloha Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), I write in strong support of Scott Enright's appointment as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture (DOA).

Mr. Enright's deep roots in Hawaii's agricultural community make him an invaluable addition to Governor David Ige's cabinet. He brings a strong background in agriculture, community building, and conflict resolution to his position. Regardless of what or how a crop is grown, Scott is a friend to Hawaii's farmers.

The Hawaii Senate unanimously confirmed Mr. Enright last March as the Chairperson of the DOA for a term that expired December 1, 2014. In his capacity as Deputy Director and Chairperson, he addresses the needs of farmers by reaching out to discuss challenges and offer solutions. He is responsive, accessible and has improved the credibility and integrity of DOA through his extensive experience, education and knowledge of agriculture.

BIO has had the pleasure of working with Mr. Enright through the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). As the President of NASDA, Scott plays an extremely important role in promoting the U.S. agricultural industry while protecting consumers and the environment.

Ensuring the viability of all agriculture in Hawaii is a noble and honorable mission. Scott's history of working side by side with farmers has earned him their trust. From organic to conventional to biotech, whether it is fresh fruits, florals or nursery crops, he will be Hawaii's greatest advocate of agriculture. We look forward to his continued leadership with the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture, as well as at the national level. Mahalo for your consideration of Mr. Scott Enright's appointment.

Sincerely,

Gene Harrington  
Director of State Government Affairs, Food & Agriculture

### **About BIO**

*BIO is a national trade organization, based in Washington, DC, representing more than 1,100 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers, and related organizations across the United States and 31 other nations. BIO members are involved in the research and development of healthcare, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology products. Biotechnology researchers expand the boundaries of science to benefit mankind by providing better healthcare, enhanced agriculture, and a cleaner and safer environment.*

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**Testimony from Jeff Case, CropLife America**

**In strong support of GM-501  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of  
Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

**Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, April 2, 2:45 pm, Room 414**

Aloha Chair Ruderman and members of the committee,

My name is Jeff Case from CropLife America and we are in strong support of the appointment of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Dept. of Agriculture.

Scott's greatest strength is his deep roots in Hawaii's agricultural community. Regardless of what you grow or how you grow it, he is a friend to Hawaii farmers. As Deputy Director, he was proactive in addressing the needs of farmers by often reaching out to discuss challenges and offer solutions even when the state department had little ability to change direction. He has been responsive, open and accessible and has improved the credibility and integrity of the office through his extensive experience, education and knowledge of agriculture.

Ensuring the viability of all of agriculture in Hawaii is a noble and honorable mission. Scott's rich history in the field working side by side with farmers has earned him their trust and more importantly their friendship. Deep at heart is a collective desire to ensure the future of agriculture and support the strategies to achieve a diversified approach to addressing our state's greatest challenges. Scott, as well as his entire department, has experienced the greatest reduction in force, so they have found it necessary to work more efficiently through collaboration and exploration.

Regardless of the politically correct and even popular decision, Scott Enright will always put the needs of the farmer first. From organic to conventional to biotech, whether its fresh fruit, florals or nursery crops, he will be Hawaii's greatest advocate of agriculture. We look forward to his continued leadership and vision as the Chair of the State Board of Agriculture.

Mahalo for your consideration of Scott Enright's appointment.





# Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*Growing the Future of Worldwide Agriculture in Hawaii*

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 501- Scott Enright  
Gubernatorial Nominee  
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Aloha Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and committee members:

My name is Bennette Misalucha, Executive Director of the Hawaii Crop Improvement Association. HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes ag bio tech to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy state economy.

HCIA humbly and respectfully supports the confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Our nation's founding fathers once said that "*Agriculture . . . is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals and happiness.*" To an Island economy, the cultivation of Agriculture gains greater significance because of its implications to our sustainability and food security.

As such, the State would need a leader who understands the issues and who has a context of the complexities of the conversation. We strongly believe that Mr. Scott Enright has the integrity, the capability and the background to help steer the Department of Agriculture towards good outcomes.

Mr. Enright embraces all types of agriculture, is fair and open minded to diverse ideas and viewpoints and works towards creating solutions to problems. As a public servant, Mr. Enright has been a committed advocate for all farmers and has consistently promoted the State's interest to build a strong agricultural base. He is credible and highly respected within our agricultural circles.

We hope the Committee will take all these into account as you deliberate his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Thursday, April 2, 2015 — 2:45 p.m. — Room 414

**UluPono Initiative Strongly Supports Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture**

Dear Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of the UluPono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment company that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally grown food, increase clean, renewable energy, and waste reduction. We believe that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity, and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

**UluPono strongly supports Scott Enright** as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, because his appointment aligns with our goal of providing more locally produced food.

Throughout his tenure at the Department of Agriculture, Scott has been instrumental in supporting all forms of agriculture and works extremely well within the broadly diverse agricultural community. He has proven to be an excellent government partner for our work in supporting large and small farmers statewide, bringing new dairies to Hawai'i, assisting with agricultural water rate support, supporting the revitalization of agricultural data metrics, increasing support for combating invasive species, and revitalizing the cattle industry. Scott has demonstrated an ability to get results for our local farmers and ranchers. We have confidence in his leadership and ability to make a difference.

We admire his years of experience in the public sector and look forward to working with him in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta  
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Brandon Miranda	G.I.S.T.C Inc.	Support	No

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HEARING BEFORE THE  
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TESTIMONY ON GM 501

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of  
Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Room 414  
2:45 PM

Aloha Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation (HFBF). Organized since 1948, the HFBF is comprised of 1,932 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

**Hawaii Farm Bureau stands in strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Mr. Scott Enright to serve as the Chair of the Department of Agriculture.**

Our members have worked for years with Mr. Enright in his capacity as the Deputy Director of HDOA, Chair of Agricultural Development Corporation and as Administrator of the Division of Plant Industry. Throughout, he has exhibited trust, honor and integrity. He is an effective administrator of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture. Furthermore he serves as Chair to the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

Mr. Enright is mindful of the challenges facing modern agricultural producers and related businesses, and his experience is rooted in the history of Hawaii's agriculture.

We have found Mr. Enright to be energetic, experienced, capable, competent, accessible and responsive. He is an excellent listener and communicator. He considers all points of view, and makes everyone around him feel heard and understood. These skills are especially important today, to unify the community in our common goals.

Mr. Scott Enright represents surefooted, proven leadership at the Department of Agriculture. We are confident he can lead Hawaii's agriculture into the future while honoring its past.

**Thank you for confirming Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.**

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Submitted on: 3/29/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher English	PRL English, LLC	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Enright is an excellent choice for the Chairperson of HDOA.

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GM 501: Related to Confirmation - Chairperson Dept of Agriculture  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Room 414 at 2:45 p.m.

Position: Support

Chair Ruderman, Vice Riviere and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

We support the nomination of Scott Enright to continue as Chairperson of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture, as noted in the Governor's Message 501. Mr. Enright has been engaged with sustainable agriculture initiatives, has focused on working with and helping Hawaii's farmers and ranchers, and has the experience with Hawaii's diversified agriculture we would want to see in a nominee for the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

As current Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Enright has taken the time to attend and participate in many agriculture events where he has direct contact with a broad range of Hawaii's farmers, gaining an understanding of the potential as well as the needs of the agriculture community. Scott has taken the time to speak at agriculture conferences and meetings and has made himself available to when people attending are interested in talking with him. Mr. Enright has demonstrated support and dedication for all sectors of Hawaii agriculture from small organic farms supplying local farmers markets, to dairy and beef operations, to 4-H and FFA, to larger farming operations. We are pleased to see the interest Mr. Enright has shown in agriculture education, careers in agriculture, and increasing understanding of farming amongst the general public. Currently serving as Chairperson for Hawaii Dept of Agriculture, Mr. Enright shows his dedication to improving the ability of Hawaii's farmers to be successful through his active engagement with many sectors of the agriculture community.

Scott Enright has a long history working in many areas of Hawaii agriculture, including his current role as Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture. DuPont Pioneer supports confirmation of Mr. Enright by the Senate Committee on Agriculture

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this appointment.



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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

SENATOR RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, CHAIR

SENATOR GIL RIVIERE, VICE CHAIR

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2015

TIME: 2:45 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 414

### GM 501 – CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRPERSON OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ 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 approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **Strongly Supports** GM 501.

Scott Enright has been an effective friend and supporter of the Hawaii Cattle Industry and all of Agriculture. Throughout this past year, working in the role of Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, as well as his service as Deputy Director of HDOA, Scott has worked tirelessly for Hawaii Agriculture. Scott has demonstrated his ability to follow through with his commitments and has lent a listening ear to industry concerns and problems.

Scott has firm support of the farmers, ranchers and floral and nursery growers who collectively produce more than 80% of the agricultural products, including food, grown in Hawaii. Scott is intelligent, well spoken, and very knowledgeable of the issues affecting the agricultural industry. Furthermore, he is very personable, holds great rapport with members of the agricultural community and is of the highest integrity. Scott is the ideal candidate to continue moving Hawaiian agriculture forward.

We urge you to **support** Mr. Enright's nomination and appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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**GM501**

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Senate Committee on Agriculture  
GM 501; Conf. Rm. 414  
2:45 PM - April 2, 2015

Chair Senator Russell E. Ruderman, VC Senator Gil Riviere  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Hawai'i State Capitol

Dear Chair Senator Ruderman and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to wholeheartedly support the confirmation of Chairman of the Board of Agriculture, Scott Enright, Governor's nominee, as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) in accordance with GM 501.

My name is Dante Carpenter, former state senator, past chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and presently consultant to Villa Rose, LLC, a large agricultural production company, poised to begin construction and operations in Central O'ahu.

Discussions with former DOA Director, Russell Kokubun and then Deputy Director Scott Enright, among others, resulted in a large financial commitment, culminating in the purchase of over 300 acres of prime agricultural lands in the Kunia area. The proposed project, to produce high quality eggs for the Hawaiian market, envisioned by the partnership of Rose Acre Farms (Manufacturer) and Hidden Villa Ranch (Marketers) was introduced on March 19, 2012, at the Hawai'i State Capitol. We believe this project and its attendant symbiotic activities comport with the initiative, vision and goals cited in the mission of the state's Department of Agriculture.

Needless to say, Scott Enright, in his capacities as Deputy and Director has been consistent in carrying out the Department's mission with a dedication and energetic zeal few possess. Although he has a busy schedule, covering activities statewide, he has never wavered from his commitments in availability and assistance whenever necessary.

To this end, we look forward to continue working with Director Scott Enright in conjunction with the mission of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) as well as all other concerned government entities, to share productive ideas and realize the "public purpose goals" of the combined government entities.

We strongly recommend the confirmation of Scott Enright in accordance with GM 501. Mahalo!

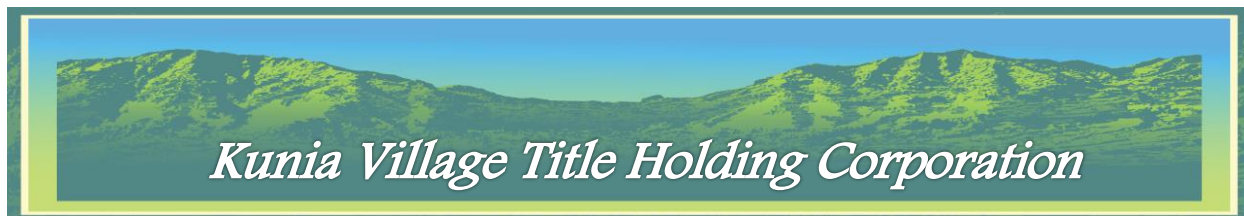
Respectfully submitted,



Dante Carpenter

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Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
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March 30, 2015

**Support for Scott Enright.**

Senators:

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of Mr. Scott Enright as Chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. In the year that he has held the position Mr. Enright has returned HDOA to a relevant and proactive agency. He brings more energy, commitment and technical ability to the position that any of the previous three Chair holders, and these are the qualities necessary to implement the State's agriculture policies.

Over the next four years agriculture in Hawaii will face tremendous challenges. Mr. Enright is a fierce advocate, and one of the few individuals capable of turning those challenges into opportunities. I respectfully request that you allow him to continue the important work that he has started.

Sincerely,  
David M. Robichaux, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Robichaux", written in a cursive style.

**Kunia Village Title Holding Corporation**

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Aloha Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and Respected Committee Members,

The Molokai Farm Bureau is comprised of 50 farm family members, and serves as Molokai's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community. We are also an arm of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, organized in 1948 and comprised of 1800 farm families statewide.

We are respectfully submitting **testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture**, for a term to expire on 12-31-2018.

Because agriculture plays such a critical role in Molokai's fragile economy it is vital that we maintain support of our of diversified agriculture, which represents all our members and is reflective of our island's co-existent approach to all farming methods. We appreciate Mr. Enright's fair and balanced approach in managing the affairs of the Department of Agriculture and his data driven approach when addressing issues.

We believe Mr. Enright is an asset to the Department of Agriculture and respectfully ask for his confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the participating members of the Molokai Farm Bureau,

Dawn Bicoy,  
Vice President  
Molokai Farm Bureau

South Oahu County Farmers Association  
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GM 501: Nomination Hearing - Chairperson Dept of Agriculture  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015  
Room 414 at 2:45 p.m.

Position: Strongly Support

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

My name is Doug Luka, President of the South Oahu County Farmers Association (South Oahu County Farm Bureau). Our organization strongly supports Scott Enright's nomination to continue as the Chairperson of Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Our members are located on Oahu, with the majority living or farming in Central Oahu. South Oahu County Farmers Association represents about 220 families that care deeply about the future of Hawaii agriculture. Many of our members grew up in farm families and have been part of farming and ranching in Hawaii for their entire lives. We support the nominee because he has the experience needed to understand and support agriculture.

Mr. Enright has been very engaged with Hawaii farmers and has been actively working with all sectors of Hawaii agriculture. He attends meetings and talks with farmers and ranchers, and supports policies that help farmers be successful across the State of Hawaii. As the current Chairperson of HDOA Scott Enright has carried out work that has benefited our members of South Oahu County, including farmers providing produce to our local stores and farmers markets, organic and non-organic agriculture operations, and those involved with animal agriculture.

Our South Oahu County chapter feels that Mr. Enright has a very good understanding of diversified agriculture and the experience to be in this leadership role, so important to a thriving agriculture sector and bright future for Hawaii agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our South Oahu County Farm Bureau support of this nominee to be Chairperson of Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Senator Russell E. Rudderman, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015

Time: 2:45 PM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 414

### GM 501- CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRPERSON OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Rudderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Fish Company very strongly supports Scott Enright for Chairperson of DOA.

We highly respect Scott Enright's expertise and his awareness of the many complex issues pertaining to farming in Hawaii, but it is also his character and his **demonstrated commitment** towards helping the local farmer that makes him such an outstanding candidate for Chairperson of DOA. Due to his insights and skills in resolving problems, we were able to overcome several difficult long-term roadblocks for our farm. We are certain that Scott Enright will be a major asset to Hawaii's agricultural community as DOA Chair.

Estralita Weidenbach, Co-Owner  
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**GM501**

Submitted on: 3/29/2015

Testimony for AGL on Apr 2, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eva Lee	Tea Hawaii & Company	Support	No

Comments:

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**EAST OAHU COUNTY FARM BUREAU**  
**910 CALIFORNIA AVE., WAHIAWA, HI 96786**

March 30, 2015

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
State Capitol, 415 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

The East Oahu County Farm Bureau, which represents approximately 300 members from Waimanalo to Kahuku, **strongly supports the nomination of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.** Mr. Enright is well qualified for the position through his career in the agriculture industry and his distinguished service in several agriculture-related positions with the State as well as in his local community in Hamakua. Since his appointment as Agriculture Chairperson during the previous administration, he has shown himself to be a strong and capable advocate for Hawaii's agriculture, including the small farms that comprise the majority of East Oahu County's membership. As current President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, he has achieved recognition nationally for Hawaii's agricultural efforts. We therefore urge you to vote in favor of GM 501 and confirm Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this exceptional candidate.

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Mencher  
for Grant Hamachi, President  
East Oahu County Farm Bureau

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## **Testimony to the Senate Committee on Agriculture Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:45 p.m. State Capitol - Conference Room 414**

### **RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 501, CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

Dear Chair Ruderman, Vice-Chair Riviere, and members of the Committee:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Chief Executive Officer for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii **strongly supports**, GM 501, submitting for consideration and confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright served as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture since February 2014. Previously, Mr. Enright served as deputy to Board of Agriculture Chair Russell Kokubun. He is currently the President of the National Association for State Departments of Agriculture; the first time a Chair from Hawaii has served as the National Chair. In his capacity he is the administrator of the state Department of Agriculture (DOA) Divisions of Plant Industry and Agricultural Development, managed the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funding program, and directed Human Resources for the Office of the Chair. He also directed biosecurity programs, led initiatives to revitalize the state's livestock industry with special focus on developing dairy industry and grass-fed beef industry, and provided direction for improving infrastructure for irrigation systems statewide.

Prior to that Mr. Enright was a consultant for the Hawaii Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Project, project manager for the ITC Water Management Inc., cultivation and irrigation superintendent for Hamakua Sugar Company, and orchard superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics.

Active in the agriculture industry and community, he is a former chair and current *ex officio* member representing the DOA on the board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He has also served on the Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors for East Hawaii (2009-2010), during which he championed sustainable energy with emphasis on sustainable bioenergy fuel stock. In addition, he is a member of the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District, past chair of the Environmental Management Commission, past member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, and founding president of the O'okala Community Association. Enright also served as a master's program intern with Protect O'okala, which is a grassroots community group opposed to development of an industrial veneer mill and power plant in a residential neighborhood.



Most recently, Mr. Enright has:

- Been working on efforts in collaboration with the Department of Transportation to create biosecurity facilities at airports and ports of entry to reduce the likelihood of invasive species coming in to the islands and to preserve the integrity of our food system.
- Been spearheading a food metrics project contract to create and track the necessary data to allow HDOA to have concrete numbers to identify the amount of local food being produced and where we are with food security and self-sustainability. This project is in conjunction with Ulupono.
- Refocused the DOA's efforts on the Ka'u Irrigation systems to facilitate their transfer from DLNR to ADC and their ultimate use by local producers.

Nominee Enright possesses much more than the requisite qualifications, has a proven track record, is extensively involved in the community and with grassroots, and is extremely committed to sustaining agriculture in Hawaii.

For these reasons, we respectfully request this Committee's favorable consideration of GM 501.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our **strong support**.



# Meadow Gold Dairies



GM 501 Scott Enright for Chairperson of Department of Agriculture  
Senate AGL Confirmation Hearing  
April 2, 2015  
2:45 pm: Room 414

Testimony by: Glenn Muranaka  
Position: Support

Senator Ruderman and Members of the Senate AGL Committee:

My name is Glenn Muranaka, President and General Manager of Meadow Gold Dairies. Our company has been in Hawaii since 1897—118 years, providing Hawaii consumers with a variety of milk products and juices. Meadow Gold's long history has not come without effort. We continually adapt to our customers' and consumers' ever-changing needs, and we constantly evolve along with our industry, our community and our market. Over the years, this has required that we struggle, tighten our belts, innovate and work extremely hard, making us a better company in the process. The foundation of this work rests with the 330 employees that are committed to providing superior quality products.

Through Meadow Gold Dairies' interactions with Mr. Enright, we find that he is straightforward and is very familiar with the dairy and livestock industry as well as broader agriculture issues. We express our confidence in his abilities to move Hawaii agriculture forward and look forward to working with him in his capacity as Director, Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Your support of Scott Enright's confirmation to the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture is requested. I can be reached at 944-5911 if you have any questions.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**SENATOR RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, CHAIR  
SENATOR GIL RIVIERE, VICE CHAIR**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 501: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chair of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT  
For a term to expire December 31, 2018**

**Testimony in Strong Support**

**By Glenn K. Y. Hong, President, and P. Roy Catalani, Vice President, Young Brothers, Limited  
April 2, 2015, 2:45 pm, Conference Room 414**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 501 concerning Governor Ige's nomination of Scott Enright as Chair of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Hawai'i (the DOA). We submit this testimony in strong support of Mr. Enright's nomination.

Mr. Enright's professional history demonstrates his commitment to agricultural development and food sustainability. Since January 2014, he has served as Chair of the Board of Agriculture, following a two-year tenure as Deputy Director of the DOA. He has demonstrated excellent strategic vision while allowing for substantial input into how to effectively support and expand the food agriculture footprint in Hawaii. Mr. Enright is in tune with the goal of increasing substantially the sustainable food security of these islands.

Representing the DOA, Mr. Enright also sits as an *ex officio* member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation board, which he once chaired. In addition, he is collaborating with the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation to create bio-security facilities at airports and other ports of entry to reduce the likelihood of invasive species introduction into the State and to maintain the integrity of Hawai'i's food system. In conjunction with the Ulupono Initiative, he is leading a food metrics project, aimed at producing concrete data on local food production and on Hawai'i's status with respect to food security and self-sustainability. He is currently a member of the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for the Hamakua District.

During 2009 to 2010, serving on the Governor's Council of Neighbor Islands Advisors for East Hawai'i, Mr. Enright was a champion of sustainable energy, emphasizing sustainable bio-energy fuel stock. He has also consulted with the Hawai'i Sustainable Agriculture and Renewable Energy Project, and served as project manager for ITC Water Management Inc., cultivation and irrigation superintendent for Hamakua Sugar Company, and orchard superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics. In addition, he has served as chair of the Environmental Management Commission, was a member of the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, and was the founding president of the Ookala Community Association.

Mr. Enright has proven himself to be collaborative, insightful, and focused on agricultural development and food sustainability. For these reasons, we respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination to chair the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on and support Governor's Message 501.

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**GM501**

Submitted on: 3/30/2015

Testimony for AGL on Apr 2, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hawaii's Agricultural Partnerships	4 Ag Hawaii ~ non profit 501 [c] [3]	Support	No

Comments: Scott is above all an honorable man who with passion & dedication advocates for Hawaii Agriculture tirelessly.

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415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

March 31, 2015

Re: GM501

Please confirm Mr. Scott Enright as Chairman of the State Department of Agriculture. He embodies precisely the breadth of vision, depth of knowledge and quality of spirit that our agriculture industry needs.

Sincerely,  
John Dobovan  
President,  
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March 31, 2015

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 501  
SCOTT ENRIGHT  
CONSIDERATION & CONFIRMATION AS THE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and committee members:

My name is Dr. John Purcell, Vice President, Business and Technology Lead Monsanto Hawaii.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on GM 501. On behalf of Monsanto Hawaii, I strongly support the nomination of Scott Enright to lead the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. My company provides full time employment for over 700 Hawaii residents. We are also part of the Hawaii seed industry, which is the largest component of Hawaii's agriculture sector.

It is important for the farmers and ranchers in Hawaii and for the entire agricultural industry to have someone who is knowledgeable and supportive of all types of food production systems to lead the Department of Agriculture. Scott Enright is that person. I have found him to be a strong advocate of farming, supportive of a reasonable dialogue and capable of leading a large complex organization such as the Department. Mr. Enright understands the challenges that producers in Hawaii face and he works hard to find solutions that work for the state. He reaches out very effectively across the agricultural community and is a knowledgeable supporter of diversified agriculture in Hawaii.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Scott Enright. I feel he is an excellent candidate to lead agriculture in the State of Hawaii today and in the future.

Sincerely,

John P. Purcell, Ph.D.  
Vice President, Business and Technology Lead  
Monsanto Hawaii

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GM 501, Scott Enright  
For Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
Senate AGL Confirmation Hearing  
Thursday, April 2, 2014 – 2:45 pm  
Room 414

Position: Support

Chair Ruderman and Members of the Senate AGL Committee:

My name is Jonathan Jefts, owner and operator of Waikele Farms, Inc., which is part of our family-run business of farms on Oahu and Molokai under the administrative umbrella of Sugarland Growers, Inc. I was born and raised on Molokai, and have been farming for most of my life. I also manage the Molokai farm.

I am writing in support of Mr. Enright for Department of Agriculture Chair. I first crossed paths with Mr. Enright back in the mid 90's. He was the job foreman working for ITC (Irrigation Technology Corporation) to install a new pipe line through central Molokai. The pipe easement ran through a one mile section of our family farm and plant nursery.

I found Mr. Enright to be very reasonable and willing to work around my needs as the farmer. He took the time to listen and understand how the ITC project would negatively affect our farm. We were able to work together to minimize the project's negative impacts on our farming operation.

We need leadership that is open minded, aware and willing to listen, particularly in light of the current divide on public opinion that faces Hawaii's agriculture community. I believe Mr. Enright is that leadership.

Hawaii agriculture community is made up of family farms, corporate farming, organic, conventional and biotech operations. We are dependent on one another to supply the islands with an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables for local consumption, whether all members of our farming community or the consuming public realize it. We need to maintain a sense of community, for no single farm can stand on its own.

Please support Scott Enright's confirmation for the Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. I can be reached at 688-2892 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.



# Pacific Mariculture Concepts, LLC

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31 March 2015

Senator Russell Ruderman  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ruderman:

This letter is submitted in strong support for the confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright has demonstrated his ability to apply due diligence to deal with difficult issues facing the community's desire to balance the need for a sustainable and economically viable food supply with pressure from development and from environmental concerns. We look to his continued leadership to foster further development of aquaculture, the fastest growing subset of agricultural sector in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Joseph Tabrah.

Joseph Tabrah  
President



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**GM501**

Submitted on: 3/28/2015

Testimony for AGL on Apr 2, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Love	Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers	Support	No

Comments: We are in full support of Scott Enright and his team. HDOA not services all stakeholders on all sides of the various issues confronting farmers in Hawaii. He is able to balance whats need and whats desired by farmers, not an easy task given these issues. Mr Enright truly does bring all parts of the community together to all with small to large farm sustainability. He highly deserves to continue as Chair.

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GM 501, Scott Enright  
For Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
Senate AGL Confirmation Hearing  
Thursday, April 2, 2015 – 2:45 pm  
Room 414

Testimony by: Larry Jeffs

Position: Support

Chair Ruderman and Members of the Senate AGL Committee:

My name is Larry Jeffs, co-owner of Sugarland Growers, Inc. I have been a farmer in Hawaii for more than 35 years and have been actively involved in organizations that support Hawaii's farmers.

I have known Mr. Enright for about 19 years. Throughout this time I have found him to be engaged and hardworking with a real desire to help all facets of Hawaii's agriculture community. When my family and I were first starting out as a small farm in Molokai, Mr. Enright took the time to listen to our concerns and review our farm to make it more water efficient.

His varied hands-on experience in agriculture as well as leadership skills of active listening and science-based agricultural practices have earned him the honor of serving as President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA). Mr. Enright's approach to Hawaii agricultural issues is underscored by NASDA's mission "to represent the state departments of agriculture in the development, implementation, and communication of sound public policy and programs which support and promote the American agricultural industry, while protecting consumers and the environment."

His experience and training in conflict resolution are assets to Hawaii's agriculture community which is now fractured by divisiveness over different growing practices: traditional, biotechnology and organic. All types of farming practices are needed to optimize our State's ability to grow more food for local people.

Your support of Scott Enright for Chair of the Board of Agriculture is strongly urged. I can be reached at 688-2892 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Co-operative  
P.O. Box 514  
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

March 30, 2015

Russell E. Ruderman  
Senate District 2  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218

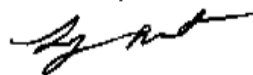
Dear Senator Ruderman,

The Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative understands that Department of Agriculture Chairman Scott Enright's confirmation hearing is set for April 2, 2015.

The KVCC is highly supportive of the reconfirmation of Mr. Enright. During his current appointment he has demonstrated first hand experience and understanding of the challenges facing agriculture in the State of Hawaii, earned from many years of plantation employment. He has the ability to get things accomplished in a way we have not seen for decades. Scott is a doer, not a talker, and is the kind of leader this State needs to guide the future of agricultural preservation and expansion for the generations to come.

The KVCC Board of Directors kindly requests your support for the reconfirmation of Scott Enright.

Sincerely,



Mr. Larry Nakamoto  
President  
Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative

**ROSEHILL & ASSOCIATES**  
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**Senate Committee on Agriculture**

**Re: GM 501, Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Enright**  
**Hearing: Thursday, April 2, 2:45pm, Conference Room 414**

**Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and Committee members:**

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Scott Enright as Director of the State Department of Agriculture. My name is Linda Rosehill.**

**I have known and worked with Scott over the last several years in his capacity as Deputy Director, then Director of the Department of Agriculture and in his role as a Board member of the ADC.**

**He is fair and thoughtful in his decision making and very knowledgeable in the agricultural arena. He works with all farmers small and large and is approachable and accessible. His long experience working in various sectors of the agricultural community make him a valuable asset to the State.**

**Your favorable consideration is greatly appreciated.**

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Submitted on: 3/29/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Wood	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of Scott Enright's nomination to chair the Dept of Agriculture. Scott is a knowledgeable, fair and effective leader. He has a proven ability to listen to the diverse concerns of industry and community and is able to balance these often complex issues to provide a sustainable and resilient future for agriculture in our state. I whole-heartedly support his nomination.

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March 30, 2015

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Aloha Kakou,

The Hamakua Agricultural Cooperative would like to offer its enthusiastic support of Scott Enright's confirmation as Chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

The Co-op was formed in 1993 as a way to begin addressing the many challenges facing the community following the closure of the sugar plantation. The Co-op served as a vehicle to unite displaced sugar workers in the area and transition them into diversified agriculture.

The Hamakua Agricultural Cooperative holds Master Leases to approximately 800 acres of land on the Hamakua Coast from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. These lands are sub-leased to over 65 small family farmers that supply fresh local produce to our Island community.

In the 22 years that the Co-op has been in existence, Mr. Enright is the only Chair that has personally supported the Co-op's efforts and the needs of small family farmers Statewide. We need Scott's talent, passion, and commitment leading this important department.

If you have any questions regarding our support, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

With aloha,

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**GM501**

Submitted on: 3/30/2015

Testimony for AGL on Apr 2, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louisa Wooton	Kauai Kunana Dairy	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Ruderman and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, We are writing as a family farm from the Island of Kaua'i to express our support for the reappointment of Scott Enright as Chairman for the Department of Agriculture. Chair Enright has a long history in agriculture in Hawai'i and is a true advocate for all sectors of agriculture within the State. He previously served as cultivation and irrigation superintendent for the Hamakua Sugar Co. He also previously worked as a consultant for the Hawaii Sustainable Agriculture Renewable Energy Project as well as the project manager for the ITC Water Management Inc. and orchard superintendent for Kilauea Agronomics, both of which are located on Kauai. We have had the pleasure of working with Chair Enright this past year on an important project which is now passing through the legislature as HB 1453. Chair Enright has been extremely accessible and responsive to our questions, concerns, and problems. In addition, he has become well-known within the community for responding to the current issues that surround pesticide use within the state. While working with a very small budget, he has tried to provide a balanced response to community concerns. It is without hesitation that we support Chair Enright and encourage you to vote in favor of his reappointment to this important position. Me ka ha'a ha'a (with humility) The Wooton Family Kaua'i Kunana Dairy & Certified Organic Farm Kilauea, Kaua'i

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting GM 541 Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Enright  
for Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture  
Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Thursday, April 2, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 414

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*For more than 35 years, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i has been working closely with government agencies, local businesses, private landowners, non-profit partners, and interested communities across the state to preserve the lands and waters upon which all life in these islands depends. The Conservancy is a private non-profit conservation organization that has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i, and support 19 coastal communities seeking to co-manage marine resources in partnership with the State of Hawai'i.*

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The Nature Conservancy supports the confirmation of Scott Enright as the chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

We have worked with Mr. Enright over the last three years in his capacity as deputy director and then as chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, in particular on issues related to invasive species and biosecurity. We have found that his background and experience in agriculture, energy, water management, and sustainability gives him a solid appreciation for the interconnected nature of Hawaii's lands, waters, agriculture, economy, and quality of life. We have also appreciated the emphasis he has placed on working together across government agencies and with business and non-governmental partners to achieve common goals for the sustainability and resilience of Hawai'i. One example of this has been the leadership role he has played together with Department of Transportation, the private sector, and non-governmental partners to identify solutions and develop and negotiate a plan for better inspection and quarantine facilities at Honolulu, Hilo and Kona airports. We believe Mr. Enright will continue to bring this same experience, perspective, and collaborative nature to the chairperson's role and in leading the Department of Agriculture's multifaceted mandate in support of Hawaii's economy, quality of life, and unique environment.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our views in support of Mr. Enright's confirmation.

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## Testimony on GM 501

Syngenta Hawaii strongly supports GM 501, which recommends Mr. Scott Enright for a new term as the chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright has proven himself to be an honorable and forthright individual who has demonstrated leadership during his tenure as the chair of the Department of Agriculture. He possesses the vision necessary to take Hawaii agriculture into a sustainable future. His perspective on agricultural issues is informed by knowledge of the history of agriculture in our state and a first-hand understanding of the challenges it now faces and what needs to be done to ensure that all forms of agriculture flourish.

As the current chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Mr Enright's accomplishments include the following:

- Oversaw the department's six divisions, 370 employees statewide, and a \$47M budget
- Elected President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (2014-2015), where he oversees the Association's Washington, DC, staff and execution of the 2015 Hawai'i NASDA Convention.
- Established a partnership between the USDA and the State of Hawai'i (HDOA) to facilitate an increase in USDA monies to agricultural projects in Hawai'i, signed by Governor and Secretary Vilsack in May 2014
- Reorganized the Division of Agricultural Resource Management to better meet needs of state agriculture leaseholders and water users
- Oversaw planning and development of new software platforms for multiple branches and functions within the department that will launch this year
- Completed the Good Agricultural Practices Task Force (HI GAP) guidelines, recommendations and final report to help prepare Hawai'i agricultural community for coming Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) rules
- Funded and helped coordinate a study on the revitalization of organic farming in Hawai'i

In addition, Mr. Enright has proven to be an excellent government partner for farmers, large and small, ranchers, dairy operators and growers, and he has worked hard to make all forms of agriculture sustainable in Hawai'i. Mr. Enright has demonstrated he is capable of getting results for these diverse groups, without favoritism for any. Syngenta Hawaii and indeed all farmers we know have confidence in his leadership and his ability to make a positive difference for agriculture in our state.

Mahalo, Mark Phillipson



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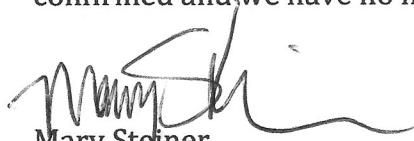
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RE: Testimony in support of GM 501 consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee Scott  
Enright, for a term to expire 12-31-2018

Thank you for accepting the Hawaiian Humane Society's written testimony in support of the confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

In past years, we have found Scott to be available, easy to work with and willing to listen and act. He is responsive, does his homework and understands the issues and challenges facing the State.

We believe Scott will continue to serve the state and the department well when confirmed and we have no hesitation in supporting the Governor's appointment.



Mary Steiner  
Policy Advocate

March 30, 2015

STRONG SUPPORT FOR **GM 501**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Michael HODSON

President, Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association, Inc

Chairman, Waimea Nui Community Development Corporation

Co-proprietor of WOW Farms Inc (organic tomato farm)

Aloha Senators,

Scott Enright's track record for his support of agricultural communities throughout the state speaks for itself. He has the ears to hear our concerns, the voice to express our needs, the willingness to fight for what he believes is right, and the heart of a kanaka maoli.

He has made a difference in such a short time, I can imagine what he can do with four years in his position. I am in strong support for his confirmation!

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**GM501**

Submitted on: 3/27/2015

Testimony for AGL on Apr 2, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 414

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Redfeather	Hawaii Island School Garden Network	Support	No

Comments: Scott is responsive to the needs of the community and clearly needs more time to work on areas of importance to the Department, that will broaden Hawaii's ability to produce food, create more farms and more farmers, preserve the environment, and expand the agricultural economy. Scott understands the needs of Hawaii's diverse agricultural community and I have great hope for his leadership.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCOTT ENRIGHT AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, Governor's Message 501, April 2, 2015.

Senate Committee on Agriculture

The Honorable Russell Ruderman, Chair

Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

I write in support of Scott Enright to continue to serve as Chairperson of the Board of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. I had the honor of serving with him on the Board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation where I came to know that he is the kind of person who listens to all sides of an issue and then makes a decision. Scott is a leader who will do the right thing, make the right decision for the right reasons, not just because it is popular or for personal gain.

His heart is in agriculture and he will work to have the various segments of the industry working together. Scott is a patient man who spends many hours talking and working with various groups and individuals to better understand the issues and work toward solutions.

I ask for your support to confirm Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Russell Ruderman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Francisco	Kauai Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

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**GM501**

Submitted on: 3/29/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Barreca	Counter Culture Food + Ferments	Support	No

Comments:

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April 2, 2015

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 02, 2015  
2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 414  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**Strong Support of GM 501- Relating to Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Enright for the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture**

Honorable Committee Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and Committee Members:

As a representative organization of the neighbor-island of Molokai with dozens of members who employ hundreds of our neighbors, friends and families, we are respectfully submitting testimony in strong support of confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Enright, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Being an island that relies on agriculture for our very existence and well being, we appreciate Mr. Enright's steadfast and continued support of the entire Statewide farming and ranching community. He is fair and balanced in managing the affairs of the Department of Agriculture and uses a data driven approach when addressing issues that come across his desk.

Mr. Enright's breadth and depth of experience in agriculture and public policy are a true asset to all the people of Hawaii. We are fortunate to have him help guide us into the future of the dynamic and ever changing landscape of Hawaii agriculture.

We humbly ask you to confirm Mr. Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Robert Stephenson, President & CEO



Hawaii State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Testimony in Support of Governor's Message  
Confirming the Nomination of Scott E. Enright  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture  
April 2, 2015, Room 224

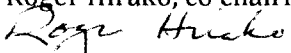
Senator Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

The Lalamilo Farm Lots Association of Kamuela, Hawaii is united in their support of Scott E. Enright for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. It is the collective posture of this group to whole heartedly endorse Scott Enright's appointment.

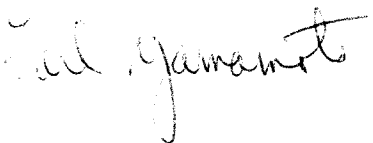
Since the birth of the Lalamilo Farm Lots Subdivision in the early 1960s, the State Department of Agriculture, most notably the Irrigation Division, has played a critical role in assuring successful production of truck crops over the past half century. The Department of Agriculture, through its leadership, and the Lalamilo Farm Lots Association share a vested interest in nurturing this relationship to assure forward progress in all aspects of food production and irrigation service thereof. We believe Mr. Enright has a clear vision for elevating the industry to new levels.

Mr. Enright has proven his worth throughout his career that speaks to leadership experience soundly based in agriculture in private, State and Federal capacities. He is a champion of natural resource conservation as a means of assuring Hawaii's progress toward greater food production, energy independence and security. His direct involvement in directing the improvement of the infrastructure for irrigation systems not only in Lalamilo and Hamakua, but state-wide, has already come to fruition.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Scott Enright. We firmly believe he is the right person to lead the Department of Agriculture and help grow the diversified components of Hawaii agriculture.

Roger Hirako, co chairman  
  
Earl Yamamoto, co chairman

Lalamilo Farmlots Association  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**  
**Senator Russell E. Rudderman, Chair**  
**Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair**

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015

Time: 2:45 PM

Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 414

**GM 501- CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRPERSON OF DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Rudderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ron Weidenbach, and I am President of the Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponic Association (HAAA), representing aquaculture and aquaponic farmers statewide. The HAAA strongly supports GM 501.

Mr. Scott Enright has had a long and positive professional career with various segments of the Hawaii agriculture industry, and previously served with distinction as both Deputy Director and Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture with the prior administration.

The high level of distinction earned by Mr. Enright during his prior and current service was clearly recognized with his national selection by the Directors of Agriculture of the other 49 States who elected Mr. Enright as the current President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. This is quite an honor for both Mr. Enright and the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Enright is a man of intelligence and calm composure who endeavors to represent all of Hawaii agriculture, including aquaculture and aquaponic farmers and researchers. He is very thoughtful and is clearly committed to the growth of Hawaii agriculture and local food production. The HAAA believes he is the ideal candidate for this important position, and through his prior actions has earned our highest level of support.

The HAAA urges you to support Mr. Enright's nomination and we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of his nomination.

Thank you.



April 1, 2015

To whom it may concern,

This letter is being submitted in support of the nomination of Mr. Scott Enright as Chairperson of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture (GM 501). Scott's extensive background and experience with local agriculture issues, together with his energy and enthusiasm about helping local farmers, will serve him well in this capacity. I have worked with Scott directly to support the construction of a research feed mill on the Big Island which will help mitigate the high cost of importing animal feed to Hawaii. Scott's knowledge of the local agriculture community, coupled with his contacts in Washington, DC, have been instrumental in moving the research feed mill forward. I am very appreciative of Scott's help and look forward to working with him in the future. In addition, Scott is a strong supporter of the local aquaculture and aquaponics industries here in Hawaii. I have been involved in Hawaii aquaculture for over 25 years and believe this industry needs to be developed further to reduce our reliance on imported seafood. Scott has the vision and leadership qualities to help make this happen.

I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Scott Enright as Chairperson of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture.

Thank you,



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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 2:45 P.M.  
Conference Room 414, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 501 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT**

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** the confirmation of Mr. Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Mr. Enright boasts an impressive background with several critical projects throughout the island chain. From developing innovative agricultural technologies on the Big Island with Condon Technologies, LLC and overseeing cultivation and irrigation for the Hamakua Sugar Company, Mr. Enright was also involved with overseeing a 500-acre orchard at Kilauea Agronomics on Kauai. In addition, he was tasked with the planning and construction of several water line projects for ITC Water Management, Inc. on Oahu and Molokai.

In addition to offering a wealth of agricultural experience, Mr. Enright also proves he is deeply rooted in the community. He is an active member of many organizations such as the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for Hamakua District, the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, and the O'okala Community Association. As Administrator to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture's Plant Industry Division and Agricultural Development Division, Mr. Enright worked to help Hawaii farmers produce new high-value crops for export as well as find new crops to increase our food industry through the administration of the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

Mr. Enright's extensive work in numerous aspects of the agricultural industry makes him an ideal candidate for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of this nominee.



## Hawaii Agriculture Research Center

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**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.**

### **GM 501**

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am Executive Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center, our research and support staff, and our members and clients.

**HARC STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 501**, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Mr. Enright has demonstrated over the past couple of years that he is a strong and resourceful advocate for all aspects of agricultural production and environmental integrity. Scott's resume clearly shows his long history of working in and supporting agriculture. He understands the role each of the many parts that make up a viable agricultural industry in Hawaii and is working diligently to achieve sustainable food production by encouraging more local supply.

Agriculture has never been without controversy:

“Innovations came slowly. . . The horse collar arrived in the third century BC, in China. By not pressing on the animal's windpipe, it enabled the animal to drag greater weight—and faster than an ox. In 1701 AD the Berkshire farmer Jethro Tull devised a simple seed drill based on organ pipes, which resulted in eight times as many grains harvested for every grain sown. Like most agricultural innovators since, he was vilified. A century later the threshing machine was greeted by riots.” Economist.com Science & Technology “The story of wheat: Ears of Plenty’, December 20, 2005.

This article continues on describing the controversies and riots that followed technological innovations introduced into agriculture. Nothing has changed, except historically, it was the farmer that resisted change; interestingly, now it is non-farming activist groups.

This sector in Hawaii has been slowly and painfully expanding from a few large scale export oriented farming operations to one that is more diverse and continuing to emerge. It is clear to most that there is room for all sizes and types of agricultural production and they will ultimately complement one another. Scott has demonstrated his willingness and capability of herding this emerging entity with all its 'warts and controversies' into a thriving, contributing economic sector which will help diversify the workforce and revenue for the state.

I urge you to **support and approve** the Governor's Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Hawaii's agricultural needs.

# Big Island Dairy

To whom it may concern,

March 28, 2015

I fully support Scott Enright in his position of chairman of department of agriculture. Scott has played an active role in developing the dairy industry and Agriculture in Hawaii. He is very supportive of agriculture and what it means to the state.

Scott is fair and equitable in all that he does in working with the department of agriculture. He has spent countless hours in helping us personally to develop the new dairy system that we have built in Hawaii. He not only supports us as individual dairy producer but he supports the whole industry.

Scott will be very instrumental in helping to see the state become self-sustaining in local agriculture.

Big Island Dairy,

  
Steve Whitesides, President



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April 2, 2015

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE  
Executive Director

Subject: GM 501 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association and we support this nomination.

We have had limited exposure to Mr. Enright however based on our dealings with him thus far, we have found him to be fair and balanced. We have also discovered him to be forthcoming with answers when we have had questions on departmental operations and procedures.

Based on the above we can recommend this nomination.

Thank you.





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March 30, 2015

The Honorable Russell Ruderman  
Chairman Senate Agriculture Committee  
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Vincent Mina  
*President*

## **Letter of Support for Scott Enright to Continue as BOA Chairman**

Simon Russell  
*Vice-President*

Aloha Kākou Chairman Ruderman, Vice-Chair Riviere, Honorable Committee,

Kai Hinson  
*Secretary*

HFUU is in full support of current Board of Agriculture Chairman Scott Enright. Over the course of the last year, Chair Enright has spent countless hours in person talking with our different directors from our 8 state wide chapters, our State Executive Board, our farmer members and over the phone advising many of us on many different issues.

Ray Maki  
*Treasurer*

Chairman Enright has been working diligently to increase the level of food security in Hawaii, and has been responsive and cooperative with our requests. In short we feel he has been doing an excellent job.

Pamela Boyar  
*Oahu*

Therefore, our Board of Directors, who represent family farmers on every island, ask that you would keep Chairman Scott Enright in his current position.

Greg Smith  
*Ka'u*

Last but not least, Chairman Enright is currently the President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and he should continue in that role. Hawaii will be a beneficiary of the decisions he is making as Chairman of the NASDA by giving Hawaii a voice at the national level.

Steve Sakala  
*Kona*

With Aloha,  
HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED

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*Kohala*

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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GM 501  
March 30, 2015

Testimony in support of Scott Enright as chair of the Department of Agriculture.

I have known Scott Enright for many years, and have been on opposing sides at times when I was involved in the C. Brewer eucalyptus plantations. Never the less, I have high regard for Scott Enright, as an honest, intelligent, and reasonable person who cares about all of the people of Hawaii. Mr. Enright will take the time to listen to anyone's concerns, and does his research. He has been involved in agriculture ever since I have known him. I strongly recommend Scott Enright as Chair of the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,  
Aileen Yeh  
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I have been a rancher and agriculturalist in the State of Hawaii for the past 35 years. The companies I work for collectively steward over 22,000 acres of agricultural land on Oahu and The Big Island. I strongly support GM 501, the nomination of Scott Enright as Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. As a past member of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture (8 years) I have a pretty good idea of what is needed in a director. Scott has done a great job for the past year and I know he will continue to do a great job for the ranchers and farmers of Hawaii, and for the General Public. Scott Enright has been an effective friend and supporter of the Hawaii Cattle Industry and all of Agriculture. First as Chair of ADC, then as Deputy of HDOA for a year, and for the past year as the Director of HDOA, Scott has always lent a listening ear, is reliable on following up on what he says he will do, and has a clear vision of what needs to be done to move Hawaii Agriculture forward. Scott has the firm support of the farmers, ranchers and floral and nursery growers. Scott is intelligent, well spoken, very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and is of the highest integrity. Furthermore he is a nice guy. Please support Mr. Enright's nomination.

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Alex Franco	Individual	Support	No

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I support the nomination of Scott Enright to become Chairman of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture, as noted in the Governor's Message 522. Mr. Enright has been engaged with sustainable agriculture initiatives, helping Hawaii's farmers and ranchers, and has the experience with Hawaii's diversified agriculture we would want to see in a nominee for the Chairman of the Department of Agriculture. Scott Enright has a long history working in many areas of Hawaii agriculture, preparing him well to take on the role of Chairman for the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Andrea Woods

**P.O. Box 62074  
Honolulu, HI 96839  
April 1, 2015**

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Agriculture

**Testimony in Support of Scott Enright**

Chair Ruderman and Vice Chair Riviere,

I would like to express my strong support for Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, State of Hawaii.

I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Enright last year and was impressed with the leadership and mentorship he brought to the Department of Agriculture, as well as to his commitment to steward agricultural lands and to create and protect opportunities for Hawaii farmers.

Scott's continued leadership at the Department of Agriculture will serve all of us in Hawaii well.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my testimony.

Aloha,  


Ann Bouslog

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Ann M. Fontes	Individual	Support	No

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Antya Miller	Individual	Support	No

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Astrid	Individual	Support	No

Comments: People I trust told me favorable things about Scott Enright, so I support his nomination.

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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 2:45PM in Conference Room 414 at the Hawaii State Capitol

Strong Support of GM 501 ~ Relating to Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Enright for the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture

Senate Committee on Agriculture  
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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Audwin Calairo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I do not oppose this nomination and look forward to the continued support of Mr. Enright for Sustainable Agriculture efforts in Hawaii. We must protect out precious farmlands and farmers who are growing food for Hawaii! I will be watching closely. Mahalo, Ms. Barbara Barry

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Ben Hambright	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Scott's nomination!

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Beth A. Tokioka  
1968 Hokulei Place  
Lihue, HI 96766

March 29, 2015

Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Re: GM501, Confirmation of Scott Enright

Please accept my strong support for Mr. Scott Enright for the position of Chair of the Board of Agriculture.

I have had the pleasure of working with Scott on several issues of concern on Kauai over the past two years and have found him to be professional, knowledgeable, and a champion for solutions that serve the best interests of our community.

His leadership in implementing the Good Neighbor Program and insuring that voluntary compliance continues with the GNP, along with launching the Joint Fact Finding effort on environmental and health issues relating the pesticide use, has demonstrated his willingness to seek innovative solutions to the critical challenges facing agriculture in Hawaii today.

Please support his continued leadership by voting for his confirmation.

Mahalo,

Beth Tokioka

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Betsy Cole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is critical to allow Scott Enright to continue his work as Chair of Hawaii's Department of Agriculture. We need strong leadership from someone who understands agriculture from the ground up.

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I strongly support the appointment of Mr. Scott Enright and Phyllis Shimibukuru-Geiser to the positions of Chair and Deputy of the Department of Agriculture for the State of Hawaii. Further, I salute Gov. David Ige for his careful and wise choices of these two individuals for these positions.

In leaders and department heads we look for individuals who have the experience to well comprehend the challenges facing - in this case - the agricultural community. Beyond that, we look for people who have a vision for where the State needs to go to provide support now and well into the future. We look also for those who know that to ensure that our State resources are effectively spent they must get out and into the field where the farmers live, breathe and grow the products a growing and isolated state needs.

Both of these individuals have shown these characteristics over the years. I strongly encourage you to vote for both.

Bill Walter  
President  
W. H. Shipman, Limited

Bill Walter

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Billy Yockman

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Bonnie Marsh	Individual	Support	No

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Brian Griffiths

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Brian Kau	Individual	Support	No

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April 2, 2015

HEARING BEFORE THE  
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TESTIMONY ON GM 501

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of  
Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Room 414  
2:45 pm

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Brian Miyamoto and I am writing in **strong support** of the Governor's nomination of Scott Enright to serve as the Chair of the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright brings a wealth of agricultural experience to this position, having worked on the Big Island developing innovative agricultural technologies for Condon Technologies, LLC and overseeing cultivation and irrigation for the Hamakua Sugar Company. On Oahu and Molokai, he also oversaw the planning and construction of several water line projects for ITC Water Management, Inc. and served as their Community Liaison on Molokai. Mr. Enright has also worked on Kauai overseeing 500-acre orchard for Kilauea Agronomics.

Mr. Enright's service to the State and to his community in on the Big Island are evident though his membership in numerous boards and community organizations such as the and the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Community Development Plan Steering Committee for Hamakua District, the Hilo-Hamakua Community Development Corporation Board, the O'okala Community Association. Mr. Enright's service at the Hawaii Department of Agriculture have given him valuable insight into the inner workings of the agency. While serving as the Administrator of both the Plant Industry Division and the Agricultural Development Division, Mr. Enright oversaw the administration of the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, which helps Hawaii farmers produce new high-value crops for export and find new crops to increase our food security.

Mr. Enright also served as the Deputy to the Chair of the Board of Agriculture where he shepherded projects to revitalize Hawaii's livestock industry and used his knowledge of irrigation infrastructure to direct improvements to the State's irrigation systems. Since his interim appointment, Mr. Enright has been working to prevent the entry of invasive species by collaborating with other State and Federal agencies to create biosecurity facilities as the major ports of entry and partnering with local agricultural organizations to address our food security and food safety issues.

Mr. Enright's diverse experiences in the agricultural industry and his proven leadership abilities make him an ideal candidate to continue to serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and I am pleased to support the confirmation of Scott Enright.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony is strong support of this nominee.

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Carol Gonsalves

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Caroline Momi Matsuda

Kahuku, HI 96731

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Kualapuu, HI

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

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Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 02, 2015 2:45 PM

Re: GM501, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, Scott Enright, for a term to expire 12-03-2018.

Aloha Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. My name is Charles Toguchi and I am providing written testimony today in **strong support** of Scott Enright's gubernatorial nomination to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Enright for more than 5 years. With his strong background in agriculture, community building and conflict resolution...his work history as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture since January 1, 2014... and his service at the Deputy post of the Department of Agriculture....Mr. Enright comes to us with the experience, necessary skills, and strong foundation needed to provide continued guidance at the Department of Agriculture.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii, Hilo, Mr. Enright holds bachelors degrees in psychology and philosophy and also earned a Master of Science Degree in conflict analysis and resolution from George Mason University.

Mr. Enright has always impressed me with his genuine concern for others...his willingness to walk that extra mile to help those in need...and his strong leadership qualities. With his forward thinking vision, his integrity and dedication, and his ability to listen to all sides, Scott Enright will continue to successfully work to fulfill the mission of the Department of Agriculture.

Without any reservations, I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of Scott Enright's nomination as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Mahalo for the opportunity to present this written testimony.

Aloha,  
Charles T. Toguchi

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Christina Schonely

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Christine Holyoak

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Clyde Fukuyama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Scott Enright's consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of Department of Agriculture.

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Clyde Tamaru	Individual	Support	No

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Colehour Bondera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha - While in his position, HDOA Chair Scott Enright does not take action that only support all of the positions that make sense from my individual or organizational affiliations, it is with no reservation that I hereby request that Mr. Enright is granted an approval of placement as Chair of HDOA henceforth. Willingness to listen to and work with a broad range of participants and hear opinions where they play out is the role that is needed and it is with all due respect as a farmer and activist for farmer rights that I hereby provide an endorsement for his continued holding of the position. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Colehour Bondera KANALANI OHANA FARM

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Cory Jones

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Cynthia McCutcheon

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Daria Joaquin

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S. De Luz, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Chair Ruderman and fellow committee members: I STRONGLY SUPPORT Mr. Scott Enright for the position of DOA Chair. I have know Scott for over 4 years and he has been a very forth right person and works hard EVERY day on our VERY important ag issues/matters. Scott is easily approachable and very respective of ones views/thoughts. Scott will DEFINITELY be a VERY VALUABLE asset to continue his role and leadership at DOA. Thank you for the opportunity and allowing me to submit this testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of Mr. Scott Enright.

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David Finley

Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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GM 501      Support for Scott Enright  
Chairperson of the Dept. of Agriculture  
Gubernatorial Nominee

To the Honorable Senate President Mercado Kim and Members of the Senate:

I am David Fuertes, Island of Hawaii rancher in Kohala and retired agriculture education instructor for the Dept. of Education (30 years). I have served as a Board member for the Dept. of Agriculture (serving 2 terms) and also as a committee member on the current Agriculture Advisory Workforce Development committee. I have known Scott Enright for over 20 years through our mutual involvement of agriculture issues. I am writing to voice my full support of Governor Ige's nominee, Scott Enright for Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Scott has been actively involved with the Agriculture community for the past 20 years, recently as Deputy Chairperson & Acting Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. His knowledge and expertise on current issues facing this department is valuable experience which is only gained by serving in these positions. I feel his decisions are based on best practices for the agriculture industry and the State of Hawaii. He has my full support as Chairperson.

I support Scott Enright with absolutely no reservations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Fuertes', with a stylized, cursive script.

David Fuertes

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GM 502

Support for Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser  
Deputy Chairperson of the Dept. of Agriculture  
Gubernatorial Nominee

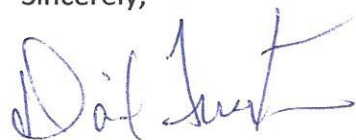
To the Honorable Senate President Mercado Kim and Members of the Senate:

I am David Fuertes, Island of Hawaii rancher in Kohala and retired agriculture education instructor for the Dept. of Education. I have had the privilege of working with Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as a Board member for the Dept. of Agriculture (serving 2 terms) and also as a committee member on the current Agriculture Advisory Workforce Development committee. I am writing to voice my full support of Governor Ige's nominee, Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

I have great respect for Phyllis, for her objective decision making, weighing all sides of any issue, evaluation of the situations and bringing people together. She is respected as an excellent farmer and engaged in various Agriculture related organizations. Her insight on Agriculture related issues is very valuable to our State of Hawaii.

I support Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser with absolutely no reservations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daf Fuertes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Fuertes

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

David Makaiwi III

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**GM501**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean J. Okimoto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: i strongly support the nomination of Scott Enright as Chairman of the Dept. of Agriculture. Scott, has always been a very accessible person, and always cordial. He also understands the many challenges ahead for agriculture, and works dilligently to make a difference for the agricultural industry in Hawaii.

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Dean M. Matsukawa  
Honolulu, HI 96816  
March 31, 2015

The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
State Capitol Room 402  
Testimony GM 501

Aloha Senator Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

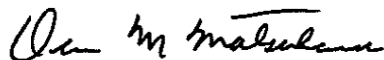
I am pleased to submit this letter in strong support of the nomination of Scott E. Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Enright has a strong background in Hawaiian agriculture working for Hamakua Sugar, Kilauea Agronomics and ITC Water Management. He is very familiar with the challenges and issues facing the agriculture industry. Mr. Enright thoroughly understands the Department of Agriculture serving previously as its Deputy Director and Chairperson. Mr. Enright also represents agriculture on a national level serving as the current President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. I believe his experience and thorough understanding of agricultural issues make him an outstanding choice for this position.

As the Administrator for the Agricultural Loan Division of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, I worked directly with Mr. Enright and he has been very supportive of the Division's efforts. He understands that access to affordable capital is vital if the agriculture industry is to continue to grow and thrive. I have observed his management skills and his vision to enhance and grow Hawaii's agriculture industry.

Mr. Enright has been and continues to be a valuable asset to the state and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. I respectfully ask the Committee to vote favorably on the confirmation of Scott E. Enright to the post of Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo,



Dean M. Matsukawa

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of Scott Enright's nomination! Scott has shown great wisdom and awareness of what is good for Hawaii and it's people. It's good to have a person in government who listens and acts for the people.

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Dennis Gonsalves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Scott Enright is well qualified and objective in his assessment of issues. He is a great asset to Hawaii Department of Agriculture and I very strongly recommended Scott to be appointed as Chair Person of Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Dennis Gonsalves

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Derek Bickerton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wish to oppose confirmation of Scott Enright to head the State Dept. of Agriculture because he is against GMO labeling laws, mandatory information on pesticide spraying, pesticide buffer zones and other requirements that are supported by a majority of Hawaii residents. Whoever heads agriculture should be someone who puts care for the aina above the financial interests of out-of-state agribusinesses.

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Derrick Thielk

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Dexter Candelario

Kaunakakai, HI 96748



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March 31, 2015

Senator Russell E. Ruderman  
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 204  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Ruderman:

I am please to support the nomination of Mr. Scott Enright for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

As the Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo since 2010, I have enjoyed a very positive working relationship with Mr. Enright.

His extensive knowledge and experience in agriculture, his ability to work positively with the public, private industry and government, and his support of educational and training needs for agricultural development make him an outstanding and capable leader for the demanding position of Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald O. Straney".

Donald O. Straney  
Chancellor

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Donna Maltz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support of the nomination of Scott Enright as the the Director of Agriculture

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Douglas R. Schenk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Doug Schenk, I am a partner in Maui Gold Pineapple co. I believe Mr. Scott Enright will do an excellent job as Chairperson of the Department Agriculture. Mr. Enright is smart, hard working and able to sort through complex issues. It's been my personal experience, that he is an effective leader, and listener. Please support Mr. Enright. Mahalo, Doug Schenk

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April 2, 2015 at 2:45 pm  
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Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D., P.A.S.

GM 501 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT

Personal Testimony in favor of the nomination

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and members of the committee:

My name is Douglas L. Vincent and I am a Professor and Animal Scientist in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. I am also a former Department Chair. I have served the citizens of Hawaii as Professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for almost 30 years. I am pleased to provide personal testimony on GM 501 in favor of the nominee, Mr. Scott Enright. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii or the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

Mr. Enright is a strong leader in Hawaii Agriculture. He is currently the President of the National Association for State Departments of Agriculture; the first time a Chair from Hawaii has served as the National Chair. In his capacity, Enright is the administrator of the state Department of Agriculture (DOA) Divisions of Plant Industry and Agricultural Development, managed the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funding program, and directed Human Resources for the Office of the Chair. He also directed biosecurity programs, led initiatives to revitalize the state's livestock industry with a special focus on developing dairy industry and grass-fed beef industry, and provided direction for improving infrastructure for irrigation systems statewide. His leadership as Chair of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, he focused on Ka'u irrigation system to put it into the hands of ADC where it can support agriculture producers. He knows that water resources is the key to successful agriculture in Hawaii.

I urge your support of Governor Ige's nomination of Mr. Scott Enright for Chairman of the Board of Agriculture. He will continue his work in support of agriculture across the state.

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Dr. Kim N Kozuma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel Scott is and will continue to be one of the best Chairpersons of the Board of Agriculture/Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture we ever had. Scott supports all types of agriculture and is well suited to deal with some of the most tumultuous times we have ever seen in agriculture. Scott's leadership has not only been recognized by our past and current governor but has also been recognized by the Directors of Agriculture of the other 49 States who have elected Scott to serve as their current President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. This is quite an honor for Scott and agriculture in the State of Hawaii. There are very powerful mainland special interest groups trying to force their minority views and unilateral way of thinking onto the entirety of not only Hawaii's agriculture, but the entire nation. These special interests have done nothing but create controversy and division amongst agricultural groups which has left many embittered. Hawaii has been chosen as their "test case". We need strong leadership to protect ALL aspects of agriculture, not just the touchy-feely ones. Scott's leadership has proven to be respectful and balanced in his support of ALL agricultural practices much to the disappointment of these special interest groups who wish Scott to be replaced with someone who will push their practices onto the majority in spite of the lack of mainstream scientific support, by using fear, lies, and lower jurisdiction illegal county initiatives / legislation to get their way. If these groups prevail, they will effectively stop the ability of mainstream farmers to continue to feed our ever expanding population. Mainstream agriculture uses proven, sustainable, safe production methods that are monitored by the FDA, EPA, and USDA to name a few. We need a leader like Scott to help Hawaii's agricultural industry to navigate these difficult times using science and respect, while supporting ALL widely accepted agricultural practices.

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Duane P Bartholomew	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Scott Enright has been a friend of agriculture and Hawaii, providing balanced support for agriculture and the community. As the Chair of Board of Agriculture, he has continued to show that we made the right choice in supporting him, always taking on difficult issues with due diligence. Mr. Enright is a leader for our Communities and is the right choice to move the Department forward in these times when true leadership is needed. He provides effective leadership and understands the issues facing agriculture and the Dept. of Agriculture. I urge you to support the Governor's Nomination of Scott Enright. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF EARL YAMAMOTO

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

APRIL 2, 2015

2:45 P.M.

ROOM 414

CONFIRMATION OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Earl Yamamoto. I offer my support for the confirmation of Mr. Scott E. Enright as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

I am a 33-year employee of the Department of Agriculture and have directly served under five Ag Chairs. I have seen Scott in action during the past year as Chairperson. He has had to deal with multiple, sometimes overlapping, and extraordinarily polarizing issues in rapid succession. In some cases the outcomes remain unclear but he continues to push forward. Today, Hawaii Agriculture has no better friend.

Thank you for your consideration.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF EARL YAMAMOTO

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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ROOM 414

CONFIRMATION OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Earl Yamamoto. I offer my support for the confirmation of Ms. Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as the Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

I am the senior planner at the Department of Agriculture with over 33 years of service. I have worked with Phyllis for over 25 years on land use issues faced by farmers in Leeward Oahu. Together, we opposed unplanned encroachment by golf courses (remember, farmers Ryoei and Nancy Higa saying "No can eat golf balls?"), residential development, industrial parks, and landfills proposed on agricultural lands. We lost some but we won more. I do not know of a more determined defender of bona fide farmers than Phyllis.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Eddielyn Maniago

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully,  
Emily Taaroa  
Punachicks Farm  
Keaau, Hawaii

Emily Taaroa

Keaau, HI 96749



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As General Manager of Calavo Growers, Inc, the largest papaya exporter to the US mainland, I strongly support Scott Enright. He has been there for us when our industry needed help. He has a balanced and honest approach to this complex job. He is the right guy for this job.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Eric Weinert

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

ESETA SAOLE

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Frederick Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support Scott Enright for the position Chairman of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Enright has been supportive of the Agricultural community and is a great asset for this department. Mahalo

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Gerardo Rojas

Kaumakani, HI 96747

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

GILBERT ARAKI

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Halina M. Zaleski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Herbert M "Tim" Richards III	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known Scott Enright for several years. His choice as Director of Agriculture is an excellent decision for Hawaii.

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Hina Yamaguchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Scott Enright to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. He doesn't just support the large farmers and he is far more accessible than any previous DOA chair. Thank you.

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Hiromichi Nago	EM HAWAII, LLC & Hawaii Farm Bureau member	Support	No

**Comments:**

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Hawaii State Legislature  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Testimony in Support of Governor's Message 501  
Confirming the Nomination of Scott E. Enright  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture  
April 2, 2015, Room 224

Senator Ruderman & Members of the Committee:

My name is Jack Beuttell, and I am CEO of Kunoa Cattle Company, a vertically integrated grassfed beef business located in Kapaa, Kaua'i. I would like to express my support for the confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

I relocated to Hawaii from the mainland recently and was fortunate enough to make the acquaintance of Mr. Enright. In the brief period during which I have known him, he has been extremely supportive and generous with his time and insights, as I and my colleagues work to improve and expand the opportunities for ranchers across the State of Hawaii. He has demonstrated impressive accessibility, reflecting a deep commitment to stakeholders in spite of bearing such a large and broad set of responsibilities. For example, Mr. Enright recently took some time in person with me to explain the power of the Agricultural Special Purpose Revenue Bonds and their potential application to the beef sector.

Unfortunately, I will be traveling to Maui on Thursday to meet with some fellow ranchers and will be unable to testify in person in support of Mr. Enright's confirmation. Notwithstanding, I trust you will accept these affirmations of Mr. Enright's skill, competency, and leadership in the role of Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

Jack Beuttell  
CEO, Kunoa Cattle Company  
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Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support of the nomination of Scott Enright as the the Director of Agriculture.

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Jae Won Perez

Maunaloa, HI

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James Land	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mo' bettah choice!

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James Yunker	Individual	Support	No

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Janet Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have worked with farmers and ranchers in Hawaii for over 20 years and I am in strong support of the nomination and confirmation of Scott Enright to continue to chair the Department of Agriculture. I am privileged to have worked with Mr. Enright in his capacity as DOA Chairperson and prior to that as Deputy, over the last several years. Mr. Enright understands the challenges faced by agriculture in Hawaii and is committed to bringing all parties together to find effective solutions and work toward common goals. He genuinely respects and finds value in each person he encounters and is able to form partnerships among diverse groups in order to accomplish the mission of the department, to support farming in Hawaii.

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Jason Van Tassell	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Worchel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly recommend your support of Mr. Enright to be the director of agriculture. He has the qualifications, dedication, integrity, knowledge, experience and love of aina we need in this position. We will all be well served by his leadership, wisdom and work ethic.

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Jay Ellis

Kihei, HI 96753

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Jean Ellis

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Jeri Kahana	Individual	Support	No

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## **Testimony in Support of Scott Enright**

Aloha Senators and thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the appointment of Scott Enright as chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

I have been involved in agriculture in Hawaii since 1974. I have farmed watercress, done research at CTAHR, run my own ag consulting business, and am currently the site Agronomist for DuPont Pioneer at their facility in Kunia, Oahu. While I do not know Scott personally, I have come to appreciate his calm demeanor when dealing with some of the more sensitive issues associated with agriculture in Hawaii today. I have become impressed with his ability to sort “the wheat from the chaff” and to always put a positive spin on difficult situations. It is just such a leader that is needed at this critical juncture that we are facing in agriculture today in our beautiful State.

Please approve the appointment of Scott Enright so that he can continue to build bridges between conflicting agricultural concerns as we forge forward into a future that is, at the present time, somewhat hazy and unsettling.

Thank you.

John McHugh  
Mililani, O`ahu, Hawai`i

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Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair  
Hawaii State Senate  
Committee on Agriculture  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: In support of Scott Enright , GM501

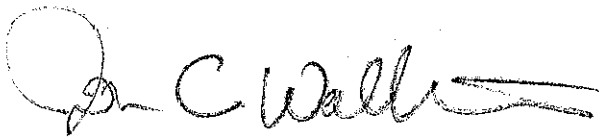
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Thank you for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,

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Jon Wallenstrom

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Jolyn Rosa	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Senators, I am asking you to please oppose the nomination of Scott Enright. The citizens of Hawaii need an Agriculture Department leader who is innovative and who will, for example, reduce the use of pesticides in our islands. One reason is that earlier this month, the World Health Organization' s International Agency for Research on Cancer announced findings that glyphosate, the main ingredient in Monsanto's RoundUp line of pesticides is "probably carcinogenic to humans." Please let Hawaii have a new leader in the Department of Agriculture so that our island state can provide leadership beyond our shores. Thank you for your time, service and consideration. Aloha, Jolyn Okimoto Rosa Manoa

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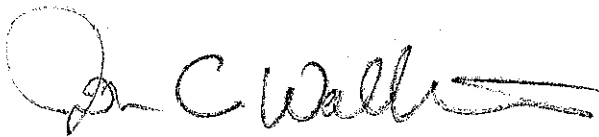
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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Jaun CamposWhite

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Judah Lum

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Judith Huber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, this is to support the nomination of Scott Enright as the Department of Agriculture Chair. Scott has shown support both large farms and small farms in the State of Hawaii and deserves to continue as the Department of Agriculture Chair. Sincerely, Jude and Paul Huber

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Justin Robinson

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Kalyn Matsuda

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Ken Love	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to voice my support for Mr Enright who has treated small farmers with great respect and has helped us considerable to be more sustainable. He and his team are to be commended for a facing difficult challenges head on and working to solve problems faced by farms on all levels on all islands.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

April 2, 2015

2:45 P.M.

Conference Room 414

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 501

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT ENRIGHT, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-31-2008

Chairperson Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony. My name is Ken Kakesako and I am providing testimony as a private citizen in strong support of the confirmation of Scott Enright for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

I have had the privilege to work with Scott during his time as Deputy to the Chairperson at the Department of Agriculture and in his current role as Chairperson at the Department of Agriculture. In all that time, in those leadership roles, I have seen Scott's unfailing willingness to work with any and all stakeholders in the agricultural industry. At times, especially in recent years, there have been issues that threatened to divide the agricultural community, and Scott has maintained an open door policy to speak with parties on each side of any issue with an eye towards finding a solution that will be for the betterment of agriculture in the State of Hawaii.

Additionally, Scott's long experience in the agricultural industry in Hawaii has given him an understanding of the challenges facing Hawaii's farmers and ranchers. He is particularly versed in the many irrigation systems across the state that provide the water that our agriculturalists need for successful agricultural operations.

Again, I am strongly in favor of the confirmation of Scott Enright as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture and look forward to his continued tenure as the Chairperson of the Department.

Mahalo,

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Ken H. Kakesako  
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Klayton Kubo	Individual	Support	No

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Kyle Gouveia

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Ho	Kauai consumer/resident	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Ruderman, Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I strongly support Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. We have a long history and great working relationship with Mr. Enright and we look forward to working with him until 12-31-2018. Respectfully submitted, Laurie Ho, President, Kauai County Farm Bureau.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Lawrence Warnock

Kihei, HI 96753



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Leslie Takayama	Individual	Support	No

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Lorie Farrell

Honokaa, HI

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Louisa Wooton	Moloka'a Irrigation Cooperative	Support	No

Comments: March 31, 2015 Senate Committee on Agriculture State of Hawaii Aloha kakou Chair Ruderman, Vice-Chair Riviere, and Committee Members, The Board of Directors of Moloka'a Irrigation Co-operative strongly recommends that you confirm the Governor's appointment of Scott Enright to continue as the Chairperson for the Department of Agriculture in Hawai'i. Our Cooperative is in charge of the irrigation system for the Moloka'a Hui Lands on Kaua'i, an agricultural area that is known as the "Breadbasket for Farming" on Kaua'i. We have a total of 596 acres of diversified farm lots which produce an abundance of fresh vegetables, pineapples, rambutan, diverse tropical fruits, cacao, coffee, ginger, and bananas. MIC has been working with Chair Enright and our legislative team including Sen. Ron Kouchi, Rep. Derek Kawakami, and Rep. Jimmy Tokioka to identify the problems that we are facing with a decrepit, plantation-era irrigation system. This entire group of leaders toured the Hui Lands with our Board last summer, and we have had their incredible support on moving forward. Chair Enright has been extremely responsive and helpful in addressing the challenges that farmers in our Cooperative are facing with irrigation water and Food Safety Modernization compliance. He brings a level of experience and background in both of these areas that are critical to our cooperative as we move forward. It is generally known within the farming community that Scott Enright is an advocate for all sectors of agriculture and has a special interest in food production for Hawai'i. It is without hesitation that we ask you to give favorable consideration to having Chair Enright continue his productive work for farmers. Chair Enright certainly meets Governor Ige's criteria for the leadership that serves the people of Hawai'i: 1) Being open and honest in communication 2) Being respectful of all people and their points of view 3) Always doing the right thing the right way Mahalo pumehana, Paul Huber, President Ray Maki, Vice President Jeremy Hillstrom, Corresponding Secretary Louisa Wooton, Recording Secretary Brandon Miranda, Treasurer Moloka'a Irrigation Co-operative

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Enright has provided assistance during urgent situations in agriculture such as the cutting of HACD funds. Without the emergency funding, farmers and ranchers would have been severely impacted.

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Margaret Farias

Keaau, HI 96749

**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, April 2, 2015; 2:45 pm  
By  
Maria Gallo**

**GM 501      Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
SCOTT ENRIGHT**

Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Scott Enright to be Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

My name is Maria Gallo. I am a resident of Oahu, and employed as Dean in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I am providing personal testimony.

I have had the pleasure to serve on the Board of Agriculture and therefore work closely with Scott Enright. He has done an exceptional job and is committed to strengthening agriculture in Hawaii for all segments of the industry while protecting the aina. He is the kind of leader Hawaii needs to move us forward as we develop diversified agriculture and strive to be more food self-sufficient.

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Marin Donohue

Honolulu, HI 96815

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Mark Bartel

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Mark H. Kijima	Individual	Support	No

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Mark Ruiz

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Mark Stoutemyer

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Mark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Scott Enright as the Chair of the Department of Agriculture. Sincerely, Mark Willman PO Box 25 Eleele, Kaua`i, HI 96705 808-332-5353

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Matt Graham

Kihei, HI 96753

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Matthew Ross	Individual	Support	No

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Maureen Garry	Individual	Support	No

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Michael Glidden

Waipahu, HI 96797



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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
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Pamelyn Fukuoka

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Patrick Harley Simmons	Individual	Support	No

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penny levin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In strong support!

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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SUMIKO SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

STATE OF HAWAII

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

APRIL 2, 2015

2:45 p.m.

Room 414

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 501

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, SCOTT EDWARD ENRIGHT FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 12-3-18

Chairperson Ruderman, Vice Chair Riviere and Members of the Committee:

I respectfully ask for your confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. I first met Scott in January of this year to introduce myself as Deputy Nominee to the Department he has served as Chairperson. I started two weeks before the opening of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature and have worked with him for over 2 months. Having a new Deputy at this moment could not have been the best time of the fiscal year and presiding as President of the National Agriculture State Directors Association did not provide ample opportunities to mentor a new Deputy. I believe his appointment as Chairperson had a positive effect on Department morale and offered stability of the implementation of goals, programs and strategic plans for Hawaiian Agriculture and its stakeholders. I believe his educational background in psychology and philosophy along with his agrarian work experience and broad support from diversified agriculture are the ideal characteristics to lead the Department.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in support for the confirmation of Scott Enright as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

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Randal Tadashi Bartlett	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: RE: GM 501 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, for a term to expire 12-31-2018. Aloha Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair, & AGL Committee Members: As a private citizen, I strongly support Governor Ige's nomination of Scott Enright to Chair the Hawaii Board/Department of Agriculture and urge you to vote in favor of this nominee. Mahalo nui loa no kou kokua!-) Randal Tadashi Bartlett POB 256653 Honolulu, HI 96825 808.870.6443

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Randy Cabral	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Kester	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support both the nominations for SCOTT ENRIGHT and PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER. Both have proven to be leaders for not only our communities but for agriculture as well. This department with it's many challenges deserves strong leaders such as these two. Please confirm SCOTT ENRIGHT AND PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER. Mahalo.

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Richard Ha

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Richard S. Oyama	Individual	Support	No

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Robert King	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Enright is an excellent choice for this position, a true advocate for agriculture in Hawaii. Strongly support.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rodney Haraguchi	Kauai Taro Growers Association	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Ruderman, Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. On behalf of the Kaua`i Taro Growers Association, the members strongly support Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT ENRIGHT, as Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. He has been working tirelessly advocating for the farmers and the survival of agriculture in Hawai`i. His commitment and determination to have a sustainable agriculture in Hawai`i begins with supporting the existing farmers so that new farmers will see that agriculture is a viable business in Hawai`i and want to farm. We look forward to working with him and ask that he continue his outstanding performance. Respectfully submitted, Rodney Haraguchi, President, Kaua`i Taro Growers Association.

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Rudy Bosma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good man for the Job! He has our trust and full support. Rudy Bosma

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Shree Rawal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure a 100% as a farmer in Moloa'a

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Simon Russell	Individual	Support	Yes

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Susan Matsushima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the nomination of Scott Enright as Chair of the HDOA. In his short time as Chair, we were able to see more POSITIVE movement for Hawaii's agriculture than in the years prior. Mr. Enright's passion for Hawaii's agriculture will assist all those in every aspect of agriculture. His positive and forthright manner makes him easy to work with. He has also rallied the members of his STAFF to be more open to working with all farmers. For the survival of Hawaii's agriculture, please approve the appointment of Mr. Enright. Mahalo, Susan Matsushima

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Tanja Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tracy E Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm putting my trust in Scott Enright---to have someone to further the causes of any organization who safely works to help the land and the people become and remain healthy.

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Valerie Weiss	Individual	Oppose	No

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Comments: Mr. Enright has been doing a good job and I know he will continue to support our local agriculture industry. Therefore I strongly support Mr. Enright for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 2:45PM in Conference Room 414 at the Hawaii State Capitol

Strong Support of GM 501 ~ Relating to Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Enright for the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture

Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Aloha Chair Ruderman and Committee Members,

Scott Enright has been a friend of agriculture and Hawaii, providing balanced support for agriculture and the community. As the Chair of Board of Agriculture, he has continued to show that we made the right choice in supporting him always taking on difficult issues with due diligence. Mr. Enright is a leader for our Communities and is the right choice to move the Department forward in these times when true leadership is needed. He provides effective leadership and understands the issues facing agriculture and the Dept. of Agriculture. We urge you to support the Governor's Nomination of Scott Enright.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

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