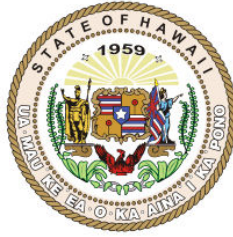


GM502

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER,
for a term to expire 12-3-2018.**



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Testimony on GM 502
Confirmation of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
Deputy Director, 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 appointment of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as the Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture. Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser joins us from Mikilua Poultry Farm Inc. where she served as the President of the company. She has 30 years of progressive leadership experience and served on several boards and committees involving agriculture including the Hawai'i State Board of Agriculture and the U.S.D.A. Farm Service Agency Hawai'i State Committee.

This administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I'm confident that Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser 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.

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. 502

April 2, 2015
2:45 P.M.

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER

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

We support the confirmation of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser to the position of Deputy 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.

Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser 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 her confirmation as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Email: communications@ulupono.com

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

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy 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 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, because her appointment aligns with our goal of providing more locally produced food.

As a leader for one of Hawai'i's remaining egg producers, Phyllis has the experience to understand the challenges that our local farmers and ranchers face. She is a hard-worker with the tenacity to get things accomplished. We have confidence in her leadership and ability to shape policies to allow Hawai'i to grow more local food.

We look forward to working with her in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta
General Partner

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April 2, 2015

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON GM 502

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Chairperson of the
Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER

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.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports Governor Ige's nomination of Ms. Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as the Deputy Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser has a solid education with a strong emphasis on agriculture. Her dedication to Hawaii's agricultural industries is exhibited by her family farm, Mikilua Poultry Farm Inc. (est. 1947) where she served over 30 years; Phyllis has served as both the President and Vice-President of the Hawaii Egg Producers Cooperative, a member-at-large for the Hawaii State Board of Agriculture, a Presidential nomination and service as a State Committee Member for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Hawaii State Committee, UH CTAHR reorganization and search committees, and the search committee under the Lingle Administration for the HDOA Chairperson. As a member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, Phyllis received the 1995 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Outstanding Member; the first female recipient of the prestigious award. She has earned numerous other accolades throughout her career.

Her experience and education are complimented by a strong work ethic and dedication that will undoubtedly combine to provide positive leadership for Hawaii's Department of Agriculture.

Please accept our strong support for Ms. Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Chairperson to Hawaii's Department of Agriculture.



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 502- CONFIRMATION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER, 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 502.

Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser epitomizes the modern college-educated small farmer and businesswoman. Her family's West Side poultry farm is one of the four remaining commercial egg farms on Oahu. She knows first-hand the challenges faced by Hawaii's small farmers and livestock producers.

She has also served as the past President of the Hawaii Egg Producers Association, a previous member of the Hawaii State Board of Agriculture, the Vice President of the West Oahu County Farm Bureau, a member of the former Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation's Commodity Advisory Group, and a member of the USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii State Committee.

Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser is a great example Hawaii agriculture leadership. The HAAA urges you to support Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser's nomination. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of her nomination.

Thank you.



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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 502 – CONFIRMATION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

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 502.

Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser has been a steadfast advocate for Hawaii Agriculture, as well as a supporter of the Hawaii Cattle Industry. Through various appointments in government and her elected positions in industry associations, Phyllis has shown her commitment to agriculture.

Phyllis has demonstrated her service to the people of Hawaii through various appointments and advising policy makers on agricultural issues including feed subsidy bills, agricultural labor issues, sustainability efforts, animal welfare, and right to farm legislation. She has had a consistent history within the industry as a third generation egg farmer on Oahu.

Phyllis has the support of the farmers and ranchers in Hawaii. She has demonstrated her knowledge and passion for Hawaiian Agriculture and is a great candidate for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

We urge you to **support** Mrs. Shimabukuro's nomination and we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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Dan Clegg	Vice Chair- Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District	Support	No

Comments:

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GM 502: Nomination Hearing - Deputy Chairperson Dept of Agriculture
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Thursday April 2nd 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 the Governor's Message 502 for the nomination of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser to be the Deputy Chairperson for Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser has been a leader as part of Hawaii's agriculture for many years, and her nomination has the support of our South Oahu County Farmers Association. 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.

Many of our members of South Oahu County Farmers Association know this nominee through her work with Hawaii Farm Bureau. We have seen her be a strong supporter of policies that show her understanding of the needs of our South Oahu County members involved with all types of agriculture; with an excellent understanding from her own experiences of what types of policies help farmers and ranchers thrive and succeed.

We support the nominee, Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser, because she has the background, leadership skills, and desire to help farmers across the State of Hawaii.

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



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 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.** Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser is well qualified for the position, with a strong educational background in addition to long experience as a farmer in Hawaii. Her family's farm is one of the few remaining egg farms on Oahu, testifying to her ability to run a successful agricultural business in a difficult environment. She has been a strong supporter of Hawaii's agriculture for many years, including service as a member of the State Board of Agriculture, a member of the USDA Farm Service Agency's Hawaii State Committee, and past President of the Hawaii Egg Producers Association. We therefore urge you to vote in favor of GM 502 and confirm Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick M. Mencher".

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 502, CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER

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 502, submitting for consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser, as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser served the Hawaii agricultural industry in many roles throughout the years, including, as the past president of the Hawaii Egg Producers Association, a previous member of Hawaii State Board of Agriculture, and the Vice President of the West Oahu County Farm Bureau. She was named the 1995 Hawaii Farm Bureau Outstanding Member of the Year. She has also served as a member of the USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii State Committee.

Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser is a welcome addition to the Board of Agriculture. Her understanding of the issues facing farmers in Hawaii gives her a unique perspective. Having been involved in her family's poultry farm, she understands the challenges of farming in Hawaii. She is a graduate of the Animal Sciences program at the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) and served on several CTAHR advisory committees. Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser will help the BOA navigate the difficult issues ahead.

For these reasons, we respectfully request this Committee's favorable consideration of GM 502.

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

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Hawaii's Agricultural Partnerships	4 Ag Hawaii ~ non profit 501 [c] [3]	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hiromichi Nago	EM HAWAII, LLC & Hawaii Farm Bureau member	Support	No

Comments: This testimony is in support for Phyllis Shimabukuro –Geiser for Deputy Chair of DOA. I have personally known Phyllis with her involvement and dedication to the Okinawan Culture and Community Service in Hawaii. Being involved in their family business started by her father, the late Gary Shimabukuro it is largest egg producing farm on Oahu. She has shown her dedication to keep Agriculture alive and well in Hawaii while providing needed jobs in the area. With her extensive science background Phyllis was instrumental to incorporating our EM® Microorganisms Technology into their poultry operation to reduce the smell of ammonia, and create a stress free environment for the birds which leads to quality egg production. The Poultry Farm also provides valuable organic fertilizer for farms and her neighbors also appreciated her efforts to control the odors. Her experience as a long-standing Hawaii Farm Bureau member, the executive positions held and various committees she has been apart of will provide invaluable support for Scott Enright and the Department of Agriculture. Sincerely, Hiromichi Nago President EM HAWAII, LLC. 560 N. Nimitz Hwy. Ste 217A Honolulu, HI 96817 Ph(808) 548-0396 Hawaii Farm Bureau Member

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Ornellas	East Kauai Water User's Cooperative	Support	Yes

Comments: As a member of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture I've worked closely with both Mr. Enright and Ms. Simabukuro-Geiser and have found them to be extremely competent leaders who understand agriculture and who have the vision and dedication to move the agricultural agenda forward. Jerry Ornellas

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GM 502, Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
For Deputy 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 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser through my membership and participation with the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. I am currently the Treasurer of the State Hawaii Farm Bureau and member of South County Chapter of the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser is someone who comes from an agriculture family- business, Mikilua Poultry Farm, Inc and understands well the challenges that all Hawaii agriculturists face. Her practical agriculture-business experience and her firm grasp on agricultural issues have led to recognition and service as resources to organizations like CTAHR, and USDA Farm Service Agency-Hawaii Committee. She has also served on the Hawaii Board of Agriculture from 1989-1997.

Your consideration of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser for the Deputy Chairperson of the Department 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.

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President

And Members of the Senate

Twenty-Eight State Legislatures

State Capitol, Room 409

Honolulu, Hi 96814

Dear Senate President Mercado Kim and Members of the Senate:

We at the Mikilua Farm Center would like to support the appointment of Phyllis Shimabukuro Geiser to the Deputy Director for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Ms. Geiser being in the Waianae community for many years, we feel that she would bring a wealth of knowledge and information to any discussion and questions regarding agriculture. She will also be fair on decisions that she has to make on matters regarding agriculture or anything else that she has knowledge of.

Sincerely,

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**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
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PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER,
for a term to expire 12-3-2018.**

GM 502

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 502, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser and her family embodies the social and cultural relevance of Hawaii's agriculture. The family is one of the remaining few egg farms in the state; surviving and thriving by innovating. While instrumental in running a family business, Phyllis has generously provided her time throughout the years on agricultural committees and/or boards. She has the management skills developed through her family small business and the skills developed through her voluntary public service.

Phyllis makes a great partner for Mr. Enright in leading the emerging agricultural sector into the future.

I urge you to **support and approve** the Governor's Nominee, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER, for Deputy 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.

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Randall Francisco	Kauai Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

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GM 502: Related to Confirmation – Deputy Chairperson Dept of Agriculture
Senate Committee on Agriculture
Thursday April 2nd 2015
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 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser to be the Deputy Chairperson for Hawaii Department of Agriculture, as proposed in Governor's Message 502. Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser has been a leader as part of Hawaii's agriculture for many years. She has the type of hands on experience as part of a family egg producing operation to understand what type of policies are needed by, and helpful to today's farming operations. This nominee for Deputy of Hawaii Department of Agriculture understands the challenges of operating a family farm as a local agricultural producer.

Ms Shimabukuro-Geiser has many years of experience working with farmers and ranchers, providing the broad experience needed to serve in a leadership role for Hawaii's diversified agriculture. This is the type of background we would want to see for a nominee for the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. This nominee for Deputy for Hawaii Department of Agriculture has shown a great deal of dedication to improving the ability of Hawaii's farmers to be successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this nomination for Deputy Chairperson for Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

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Aileen K . F. Yeh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Phyllis Shimabukuro . She is a freind of Agriculture and of the local people of Hawaii.

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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 502, the nomination of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser has been a steadfast advocate for Hawaii Agriculture. Through various appointments in government and her elected positions in industry associations, Phyllis has shown her commitment to agriculture. Phyllis has demonstrated her service to the people of Hawaii through various appointments and advising policy makers on agricultural issues including feed subsidy bills, agricultural labor issues, sustainability efforts, and animal welfare issues. She has had a consistent history within the industry as a third generation egg farmer on Oahu. Please support Phyllis' Nomination as the Deputy Director of HDOA

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April 2, 2015

Senate Committee on Agriculture

Testimony in support of
GM 502 – Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture
Gubernatorial Nominee

Chair Ruderman and Vice Chair Riviere and committee members:

My name is Alan Takemoto. I am in strong support of GM 502 and respectfully urge the committee to confirm Mrs. Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

I have known Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser for many years since I began my career in agriculture. I have learned a great deal from her about the many challenges and opportunities farmers have in Hawaii. She has been a leader in the agricultural industry as a board member on the Hawaii State Board of Agriculture to being an active member within the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.

Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser also comes with great experience and knowledge in the livestock industry working in her family poultry farm in Waianae. Her hands-on experience of working on a farm and knowing what it takes to making a viable business operation in Hawaii is an invaluable asset to the State of Hawaii. Her wealth of actual experience on a farm and especially in the livestock industry will give a positive insight on how to further our sustainability efforts.

Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser has the leadership style that I respect and appreciate. She is fair, balance and very respectful to everyone.

For these reasons and more, I urge the committee to support and confirm Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo,
Alan Takemoto
1448 Young Street, #1402
Honolulu, HI 96814
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Subject: I Support GM 502 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.
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Alex Franco

Makawao, HI 96768

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Kihei, HI 96753

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ANDREA TALON

KAUNAKAKAI, HI 96748

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Antonio Pope

Waimea, HI 96796

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Antya Miller
Haleiwa
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Haleiwa, HI 96712

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Arnulfo Mateo

Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Audwin Calairo

kaunakakai, HI 96748

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BILL TURNBOUGH

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Subject: I Support GM 502 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
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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

Keaau, HI 96749

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Billy Yockman

Waipahu, HI 96797

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Brian Corcoran

Haleiwa, HI 96712

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Brian Griffiths

Kapolei, HI 96707

TESTIMONY OF BRIAN KAU

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

APRIL 2, 2015
2:45 P.M., ROOM 414

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's message 502 regarding the appointment of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser to the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. I strongly support this nomination.

Phyllis has a long history with the Department of Agriculture, serving on its Board from 1989 to 1997. She is a lifelong member of Hawaii's agricultural scene from her family's poultry farm and has provided input on various federal and state committees. I believe her long experience will assist the Department in moving sustainable agriculture forward for Hawaii.

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Caleb Dohrman

mililani, HI 96789

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Hilo, HI 96720

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Kahuku, HI 96731

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Kualapuu, HI

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kaunakakai, HI 96748

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Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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Clyde Fukuyama

Kahuku, HI

March 30th, 2015.

To: The Hon. Russell E. Ruderman, Senator.
Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture
The 28th Hawaii State Legislature, 2015
Fax: 808 586 6899

And
Members of Senate Committee on Agriculture

Ref. GM 502, the appointment of Ms. Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Director, Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture.

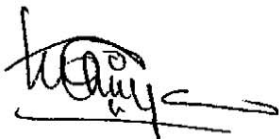
I am a professor with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources since 1986. Shortly upon arriving on the shores of Hawai'i I have known Ms. Phyllis Shimabukuro and her family members who operated the Mikilua Poultry Farm. I am writing in support of Gov. Ige's nomination of Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser to the position of Deputy Director of the Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture.

In the 27+ years of association with her and the agriculture community, Phyllis had demonstrated:

- a) Integrity in all her undertakings
- b) Hard work and diligent in tasks assigned to her e.g. when she served on the Board of Agriculture in the late 1980s and early 1990s.
- c) The willingness to learn, educated herself on complex issues pertaining to agriculture issues
- d) The courage to make decisions that is good for the community and the state
- e) The ability to lead and yet be fair in her judgement
- f) Her sincere desire to help farmers in need and agriculture to grow in the state and
- g) A dedication to serve the state.

In Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser, you will find a person who is sincere, frank and fair in the ways she conducts herself. The state is fortunate to find her willing to serve. I urge you and your committee to support her in the confirmation to this leadership position. Thank you.

Sincerely



C.N. Lee, Ph.D.

Extension Specialist

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Darcey Nobriga

Laupahoehoe, HI 96764

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Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D., P.A.S.

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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 502 in favor of the nominee. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii or the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser is a great example of leadership in Hawaii Agriculture. Her family's poultry farm is one of four remaining commercial egg farms on Oahu; they continue to supply a significant part of the market, in spite of stiff competition from cheaper mainland imports. She is a strong leader in Hawaii Agriculture, serving as past President of the Hawaii Egg Producers Association, a past member of Hawaii State Board of Agriculture, a Vice President of the West Oahu County Farm Bureau and was named in 1995, Hawaii Farm Bureau Outstanding Farm Bureau Member of the Year. She has also served as a member of the USDA Farm Service Agency Hawaii State Committee. Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser is a graduate of the Animal Sciences program in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and has also served on several CTAHR advisory committees and provides leadership across the state in support of CTAHR and Hawaii Agriculture.

Clearly, Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser is a great example of innovative leader in Hawaii's agricultural community. I strongly support Mrs. Shimabukuro-Geiser for the next Deputy Chair of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. I am honored to support such a fine person and have no reservations.

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Sincerely,
Emily Taaroa
Punachicks Farm
Keaau, Hawaii

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ESETA SAOLE

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Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Laupahoehoe, HI 96764

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Kaumakani, HI 96747

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Subject: I Support GM 502 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
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Aloha Chair Ruderman and Committee Members,

My name is Gilbert Araki. I live in Kapolei and am an owner of an Agricultural farm supply, fertilizer, and crop protection products company in Kapolei. I have been involved with servicing Hawaii's Agriculture for the past 35 years. As a business owner, I care about Hawaii's Agriculture and I strongly support the nomination of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser to be the Deputy Chairperson for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

While working in the Agriculture community, I have always admired Phyllis' dedication and heart-felt support of Hawaii's Agricultural industry. She has always been a strong advocate in addressing the issues to protect Agriculture in the Leeward area. I am convinced that with her experience and management skills in operating her family's poultry business, her understanding of the present issues of farmers' land and water needs, and her education in Agriculture, she can provide a positive influence in Hawaii's Department of Agriculture. Please accept my strong support of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser to be the Deputy Chairperson for Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

Gilbert Araki

GILBERT ARAKI

Kapolei, HI 96707

**GLENN HAYASHI CPA, INC.
1616 LILIHA ST. #306
HONOLULU, HI 96817**

DATE: March 31, 2015

**TO: SENATOR RUSSEL E. RUDERMAN
CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

RE: CONFIRMATION HEARING GM502

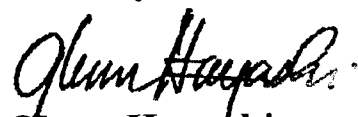
I am writing on behalf of Phyllis Shimabukur-Geiser, Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Agriculture.

I have worked with and known Phyllis Shimabukuro over the past 30 years. As the operating officer of the Mikilua Poultry Farms she is very knowledgeable about agriculture business from both the internal operating perspective and from an industry wide view.

Phyllis is a very intelligent person who is able to see many different facets to the business challenges she has dealt with. She is a tireless worker, conscientious in her efforts and extremely principled.

I am supportive of her selection by the Governor and believe that she will be of great value to the State Department of Agriculture.

Thank you,


Glenn Hayashi

**MARILYN KENMOTSU
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I am writing on behalf of Phyllis Shimabukur-Geiser, Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Agrigulture.

I have known Phyllis through working with her and her previous company, Mikilua Poultry Farm, Ltd. for over 30 years. Phyllis is a very intelligent person and has a terrific background and knowledge in agriculture which started when she was in college at UC DAVIS in California. She was also honored as a distinguished alumna.

In my opinion, I think she will be an asset to the Department of Agriculture.

One thing I will always remember about Phyllis is her unbelievable memory. She can remember dates, figures and events like no one else.

Thank you.

Marilyn Kenmotsu
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From: [Gordon Inouye](#)
To: [AGL Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 502 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
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Gordon Inouye

PAPAIKOU, HI 96781

From: [Greg Swartz](#)
To: [AGL Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 502 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
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Honolulu, HI 96817

From: [Guy Ward](#)
To: [AGL Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 502 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
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Hilo, HI 96720

Personal Testimony Presented before the
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April 2, 2015, 2:45 p.m. Room 414

by
Halina M. Zaleski

**GM 502 PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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

My name is Halina M. Zaleski and I am a Swine Extension Specialist with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). I am pleased to provide personal testimony on GM 502. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i or CTAHR.

I SUPPORT GM 502 because it presents an extremely well-qualified candidate.

Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser earned a BS in Animal Science from CTAHR, and a MS in Avian Sciences from UC Davis. In 1992 she received the UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Science Young Alumnus Award of Distinction.

Phyllis has made significant and lasting contributions to agriculture in the State of Hawai'i. She has business and marketing experience as president and chief operating officer of Mikilua Poultry Farm, Hawai'i's largest egg producer. In addition to selling through supermarkets and grocers, Phyllis and her sister opened Ka Lei stores in Kalihi and Kaimuki to help consumers to connect to local product.

Phyllis plays a pivotal role in Hawaii as an agricultural industry leader. She has served on the State Board of Agriculture, the USDA Farm Service Agency State Committee, the Poultry Task Force, and the task force for the revision of the State Guidelines for Livestock Waste (Nutrient) Management. Phyllis has been active in the Hawai'i Egg Producers Association, serving as vice president and president of the Association; and in the Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation, serving as vice president and government affairs representative of West Oahu County and on the Hawai'i Research and Development Committee. She was named Outstanding Farm Bureau Member of the Year 1996 by the Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation. Phyllis was a founding member of the Hawai'i Livestock Farmers' Coalition. Phyllis has served on the CTAHR Board of Advisors, CTAHR College Reorganization Committee, CTAHR Strategic Plan Steering Committee, and CTAHR Extension Veterinarian Search Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

From: [Harry Von Holt](#)
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Subject: I Support GM 502 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
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Kamuela, HI 96743

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Helena Miguel

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Honolulu, HI 96821

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Kunia, HI 96759

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Hoolehua, HI 96729

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Honokaa, HI 96727

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

Joan Lasua

Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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Kahului, HI 96732

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john gosselin

kula, HI 96790

Testimony in Support of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser

Aloha Senators and thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the appointment of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser 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. During that time I have come to know Phyllis through her participation in the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. She has always impressed me as an intelligent, even-tempered individual who put the interests of Hawaii agriculture above her own interests as a Hawaii egg operator. I think that with her joining Scott Enright as Director of HDOA we will have one of the strongest cabinet level advocates for Hawaii that we have ever seen.

Please approve the appointment of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser so that she can “hit the ground running” and support Scott’s efforts and advocate on behalf of all of agriculture in Hawaii.

Thank you.

John McHugh
Mililani, O`ahu, Hawai`i

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John Pazzelli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Great Farming background!!!!

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GM 502, Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
For Deputy 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.

Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser's nomination to the Deputy Chairperson position is a positive step towards supporting Hawaii's agriculture industry. Having served as President of her family-run business, Mikilua Poultry Farm, Inc for more than 30 years gives her a very broad and deep understanding of what it takes to run a successful agriculture business in Hawaii. As we all know the challenges are many.

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 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser's confirmation for the Deputy 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.

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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 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as the Deputy Chairperson of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture.

Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser has a long history of experience and leadership in the agriculture industry in Hawaii, both in the private sector and as a member of farm related boards at both the federal and state level. Her first-hand experience with maintaining a viable poultry operation here in the state in the face of extremely strong competition from mainland producers will be especially valuable to guide Department of Agriculture efforts to help Hawaii's farmers face this common problem. We look forward to drawing on her experience specifically to help those of us involved in aquaculture to maintain the growth rate that has resulted for several years in aquaculture being the fastest growing segment of the agriculture industry in the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Tabrah
President

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Judah Lum

Kahuku, HI 96731

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Justin Robinson

Kalaheo, HI 96741

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Kalyn Matsuda

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Kanahele Montizor

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Karen	Individual	Support	No

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Ken Gilbert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! It is a privilege to strongly recommend Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser for her confirmation for this position. I have worked with Phyllis over the past five years, as a management/family business consultant, while she was the Owner/Manager of Mikilua Egg/Poultry Farm, a family business. She understands farming and agriculture, she understands the unique issues that the farming/production industries face in Hawaii, she understands business and is particularly passionate about Hawaii and servicing her customers and our communities. She is one of the most honest and up front professionals I have worked with and strongly appreciate her values and openness. I feel she will be objective, focused on what is best for all concerned and will be a strong advocate for the State of Hawaii's strategic agricultural goals. I am happy to be available to answer any further questions or provide any further insight to my recommendation. Thank you for this opportunity. Mahalo.

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Keoni Gusman

Makawao, HI 96768

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Kirby Kester

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Kyle Gouveia

Haiku, HI 96708

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Kylie Matsuda-Lum

Kahuku, HI 96731

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Lawrence Warnock

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Laurie Ho	Kauai consumer/resident	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senator Ruderman, Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. On behalf of Kauai County Farm Bureau we strongly support the Gubernatorial Nominee for Deputy Chairperson, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER, for the Department of Agriculture. We have seen how hard Phyllis has worked in our community ~ not just for agriculture. She holds true to higher ideals and standards. She is dedicated to helping our community. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Malama Pono, Laurie Ho, President Kauai County Farm Bureau

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Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers
Lorie Farrell

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Honokaa, HI 96727

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser has a proven record of hands on knowledge of the industry. She brings pragmatism and credibility to the department. Solutions need to take into account the real challenges facing farmers and ranchers. She is capable of having the frank dialogue and collaborating to identify the practical solution. As a business person she understands accountability and responsibility - traits important as a representative of government and responsible for public funds. Her demeanor and personality will serve Hawaii well as a leader of the industry. Please support her nomination. Thank you.

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Margaret Farias

Keaau, HI 96749

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Maria Larriera

Kihei, HI 95753

**GLENN HAYASHI CPA, INC.
1616 LILIHA ST. #306
HONOLULU, HI 96817**

DATE: March 31, 2015

**TO: SENATOR RUSSEL E. RUDERMAN
CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

RE: CONFIRMATION HEARING GM502

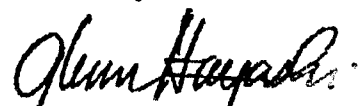
I am writing on behalf of Phyllis Shimabukur-Geiser, Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Agriculture.

I have worked with and known Phyllis Shimabukuro over the past 30 years. As the operating officer of the Mikilua Poultry Farms she is very knowledgeable about agriculture business from both the internal operating perspective and from an industry wide view.

Phyllis is a very intelligent person who is able to see many different facets to the business challenges she has dealt with. She is a tireless worker, conscientious in her efforts and extremely principled.

I am supportive of her selection by the Governor and believe that she will be of great value to the State Department of Agriculture.

Thank you,


Glenn Hayashi

MARILYN KENMOTSU
c/o GLENN HAYASHI CPA, INC.
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I am writing on behalf of Phyllis Shimabukur-Geiser, Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Agrigulture.

I have known Phyllis through working with her and her previous company, Mikilua Poultry Farm, Ltd. for over 30 years. Phyllis is a very intelligent person and has a terrific background and knowledge in agriculture which started when she was in college at UC DAVIS in California. She was also honored as a distinguished alumna.

In my opinion, I think she will be an asset to the Department of Agriculture.

One thing I will always remember about Phyllis is her unbelievable memory. She can remember dates, figures and events like no one else.

Thank you.

Marilyn Kenmotsu
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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Marilyn Napier

Waipahu, HI 96797

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Marin Donohue

Honolulu, HI 96815

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Mario Gaggero

Kihei, HI 96753

Date: March 29, 2015

To: The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Senate President
Members of the Senate

From: Marisa J. Yagi

Re: GM502
Support for the Appointment of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Agriculture

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Agriculture. I have known Phyllis for 40+ years since our days at Farrington High School. We've remained good friends throughout the years.

As a friend and classmate, Phyllis is loyal, dedicated and trustworthy. As a "farmer's daughter", Phyllis has lived the Department of Agriculture's mission to support, enhance and promote Hawaii's agriculture all her life. (She has taught our gang the importance to "Buy Local".) As a business owner, Phyllis is fully aware of the issues that the agriculture industry is faced with in doing business in Hawaii. She has the experience to lead, and support leadership, with knowledge and compassion.

I believe that Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser has all the qualities to help the Department of Agriculture and its employees to fulfill its mission. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion. Mahalo for your consideration.

From: [Mark Bartel](#)
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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Mark Bartel

Wailuku, HI 96793

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Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mark Kijima

Mark Kijima

Kula, HI 96790

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Mark Ruiz

Hanapepe, HI 96716

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Mark Stoutemyer

Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Mark	Individual	Support	No

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

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Marlene Hawthorne

Kalaheo, HI 9674s1

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Kihei, HI 96753

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Michael Glidden

Waipahu, HI 96797

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Kaunakakai, HI 96748

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Thursday, April 2, 2015, 2:45 p.m.

Conference Room 414

Testimony of Norine C.F. Wong

RE: GM 502 - Consideration & Confirmation as the Deputy to the Chairperson, Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser

CHAIRPERSON RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, VICE CHAIR GIL RIVIERE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **support** of the confirmation of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser for Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

I have known Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser for 40 plus years, and I am confident that she possesses both the qualities and the qualifications necessary to fulfill the requirements of the position to which she has been appointed. I believe her education, professional and business experience, strong work ethic, personal integrity, leadership and management skill set and life experiences will make her an excellent Deputy Chairperson at the Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser holds a Bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences and a Master's degree in Avian Sciences. While running a successful family-owned business, Mikilua Poultry Farms, a major local egg producer and distributor with wholesale and retail operations, she has managed to serve in numerous agriculture-related consultative positions and, for 8 years, as a member of the Hawaii State Board of Agriculture.

Based on my 35 years of experience in working/managing for profit and not-for-profit organizations/companies, and as the current Director of Integrated Care Coordination with FirstVitals Health and Wellness, Inc., I am familiar with the skill set that is required to run a company. I firmly believe that Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser has the skill set and financial acuity to successfully carry out the duties of the Deputy Chairperson. Her experience in both the business and regulatory aspects of agriculture will enable her to better understand and objectively address issues and concerns in a fair manner.

On a personal level, I have found Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser to be very caring and committed to her family, friends, staff, church and community. She was able to balance work with caregiving responsibilities for her father as well as other relatives in the past. She is very dependable, articulate, organized and resourceful.

For these reasons, I strongly **support** the confirmation of Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser as Deputy Chairperson and request your favorable recommendation of her appointment.

From: [Olivia Lor](#)
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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Pamelyn Fukuoka

Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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penny levin	Individual	Oppose	No

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
P. O. Box 339
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

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 502 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.**

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

I am writing **in strong support** of the confirmation of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Although I only recently met Phyllis, we have had the opportunity work together, and her collaborative nature, quiet leadership, and commitment to serving Hawaii is impressive.

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 continue working with Phyllis at the Department of Agriculture and to collaborate across departments.

Thank you for your serious consideration of Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

From: [Ramon Cabamongan](#)
To: [AGL Testimony](#)
Subject: I Support GM 502 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser
Date: Monday, March 30, 2015 12:09:47 PM

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

Ramon Cabamongan

Honolulu, HI 96759

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Randal Bartlett	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: RE: GM 502 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER, for a term to expire 12-3-2018. 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 Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser to hold the Deputy Chair position at the Hawaii 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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Raquel Wong

Honolulu, HI

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Raymond Foster

Kaunakakai, HI 96748

From: [Renee Kester](#)
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Renee Kester

Kaunakakai, HI 96748

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Rhonda Russell

HONOKAA, HI 96727

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Rhonda Smith

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Rhonda Stoltzfus

kihei, HI 96753

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Richard Ha

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Kawaihae, HI 96743

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Robert Gandia

Kekaha, HI 96752

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Robert 'Bobby' Napier

Waipahu, HI 96797

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Robin Hammerquist

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Roy Asao

Honolulu, HI 96818

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Ryan Okimoto

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Salina Victorino

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Concerned resident and Friend of Farmers

Sam Tong

Honolulu, HI 96825

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Samuel Tong

Honolulu, HI 96825

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Hanapepe, HI 96716

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Verna Yamamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments: I have known Ms. Shimabukuro-Geiser for many years. She has demonstrated a diverse knowledge of agriculture beyond her own business. She is open to ideas and understands the many complexities of all types of agriculture and what it takes to operate a viable business even in very difficult times. She deeply analyzes county, state, and federal issues to find reasonable solutions. I have tremendous confidence that she will be a great asset to the Department of Agriculture and for our industry.

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Wayne Shimokawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Shimabukuro, along with her family has been long time poultry farmers so she understands the plight of our local farmers. I believe she will be great asset and a strong advocate for our local agriculture industry. I strongly support Phyllis for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture.

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