

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3198**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2018

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 684,  
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 684 and 691, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

G.M. No. 684      MARGARITA HOPKINS,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2022; and

G.M. No. 691      YUKIO KITAGAWA,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2022,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Margarita Hopkins and Yukio Kitagawa for service on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

MARGARITA HOPKINS

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Margarita Hopkins from the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Hawaii Fish Company Inc., Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers, Hawaii Coffee Association, one councilmember of the County of Hawaii, and forty-five individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Hopkins' background, knowledge, and experience in agricultural

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development and as an agricultural economist qualify her for reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation as a member representing the County of Hawaii. Ms. Hopkins recently worked as a lecturer at the College of Business and Economics and College of Agriculture, Forestry, & Natural Resources Management at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Previously she worked as the Agriculture Disaster Assistance Coordinator assisting recovery efforts for the agriculture industry negatively affected by Hurricane Iselle. She has also worked for the County of Hawaii Department of Research and Development preparing and updating the county agricultural development plan. Ms. Hopkins also serves on numerous community boards and councils including the Diocesan Planning & Building Commission, Pacific West Area Institutional Biosafety Committee, and Big Island Resource Conservation & Development Council. She has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation since 2014. Your Committee finds that Ms. Hopkins brings to the Corporation extensive expertise in agricultural economics to assist the Corporation in meeting the current and future needs of Hawaii's agricultural sector.

#### YUKIO KITAGAWA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Yukio Kitagawa from the Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Ulupono Initiative, Hawaii Fish Company Inc., Hawaii Coffee Association, and thirty-nine individuals.

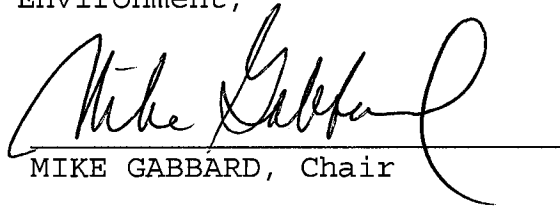
Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Kitagawa's experience in agriculture, background, and knowledge qualify him for reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation as an at-large-member. Mr. Kitagawa formerly served as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture from 1988 through 1994. He also previously served as Assistant Director of the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service and as Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Kitagawa currently serves on a number of community boards including the Hawaii Marketing Alliance, Wahiawa Hongwanji, C & C Agriculture Development Task Force, and Hawaii Agriculture Resource Center. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation from 1999 to 2002 and again since 2014. Your Committee finds that Mr. Kitagawa brings



to the Corporation extensive expertise in public service in the agriculture industry to assist the Corporation in supporting increased agriculture throughout the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

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




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM 684</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN</b>	Date: <b>4/13/18</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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