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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

**APRIL 13, 2018
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 691
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, YUKIO KITAGAWA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2022**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 691. This measure seeks to confirm Yukio Kitagawa to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Board. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Kitagawa is one of the most tenured agriculturalists in the State of Hawaii. His expertise ranges from his professional career with the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources Cooperative Extension Service to serving as the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture. He has a true desire to see Hawaii's agricultural industry flourish as is seen in his many years of agricultural service and organizational memberships. Yuki's in-depth knowledge and unique perspective on the ADC Board is a huge opportunity for the State of Hawaii as we transition from plantation agriculture into a diversified agricultural economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
ENVIRONMENT

Friday, April 13, 2018
1:15 PM

GM 691 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, YUKIO KITAGAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2022.

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) supports Mr. Yukio “Yuki” Kitagawa’s appointment as a member to the ADC Board of Directors.

Mr. Kitagawa was appointed the ADC Board of Directors in 2014 and has served with distinction. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and is an active member of the Hawaii Agricultural Resource Center Board of Directors and the City and County of Honolulu’s Agriculture Development Task Force. He previously served as Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and assistant director of cooperative extension service at UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and for his years of service, he received the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Kitagawa's extensive agriculture background enables him to understand and expound on the comprehensive issues that are involved in agriculture. His wealth of institutional knowledge and experience will be a welcomed asset to the ADC Board of Directors and we respectfully ask for your support of Mr. Kitagawa's appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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April 13, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

TESTIMONY ON GM 691
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, YUKIO KITAGAWA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-
2022.

Room 224
1:15 PM

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

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports the confirmation and appointment of Mr. Yukio Kitagawa to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Mr. Kitagawa's background in agriculture in the state of Hawaii been serving the ADC well. As the former Chairman of the Department of Agriculture, and Assistant Director of the Cooperative Extension Service of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii, Mr. Kitagawa remains engaged in important agricultural issues and process at the State and County level.

Mr. Kitagawa is strong advocate for agriculture. Currently, Mr. Kitagawa is a member of the board for Hawaii Marketing Alliance, City and County of Honolulu Agriculture Development Taskforce, and the Hawaii Agriculture Resource Center.

HFB respectfully requests your support of Mr. Kitagawa to the ADC Board of Directors.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our support for Mr. Kitagawa.



Email: communications@ulupono.com

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
Friday, April 13, 2018 — 1:15 p.m. — Room 224

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports GM 691, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Yukio Kitagawa, for a Term to Expire 6-30-2022

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

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and better management of waste and fresh water. Ulupono believes 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 GM 691, which appoints Yukio Kitagawa for a term on the Agribusiness Development Corporation board.

Mr. Kitagawa is a proven agricultural administrator and a long time advocate for farmers in Hawai'i. Ulupono worked with him closely when he was on the farmer selection committee for Kunia Agricultural Park. His in-depth knowledge and experience working with farmers provided valuable insight to the selection process. In particular, his expertise in water-related issues greatly helped the committee in making decisions that would best lead the park for long-term success.

We are impressed with Mr. Kitagawa's work and feel he would make a great member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation board. We look forward to working with him in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta
General Partner

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April 8, 2018

To:

[COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT](#)

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, April 13, 2018
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol

From: Ron Weidenbach, Co-Owner, President
Hawaii Fish Company Inc.

Re: GM691 - Nomination of Yukio Kitagawa to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness
Development Corporation

Dear Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere and Committee Members:

As Co-Owners of Hawaii Fish Company Inc., Hawaii's oldest commercial food fish farm, my wife, Lita, and I are honored to offer our strong support for your consideration and confirmation of Yukio Kitagawa's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Mr. Kitagawa is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the ADC Board of Directors given his agricultural education and extensive experience in agriculture as a former Assistant Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Hawaii Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, as former Chairperson of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, as a current Director of ADC and the Hawaii Agriculture Foundation, and a board member of the Hawaii Agriculture Resource Center and the City and County of Honolulu Agriculture Development Task Force. He has a reputation for being a well informed and thoughtful decision maker.

Lita and I believe Mr. Kitagawa has the personal and professional qualities and experiences needed to continue serving effectively on the ADC Board of Directors as our State seeks to support and expand local food production, enhance food safety, and embrace the modernization of Hawaii agriculture. This will require the support of increased technological innovations and the transition to a more diversified growing sector comprised primarily of small and mid-sized farms.

Given the above, we strongly support the nomination of Mr. Kitagawa to the ADC Board of Directors.

GM-691

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 11:06:04 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/13/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Testifying for Hawaii Coffee Association	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Yarrow Flower](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:04:02 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Dawn Bicoy](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:09:12 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Miles Hakoda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:13:44 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Randall Francisco](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:06:09 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Winifred Marcos](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:20:51 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Clyde Fukuyama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:06:13 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Douglas Kurihara](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:08:13 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

GM-691

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 10:00:57 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/13/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

From: [Alvin Tsuruda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 7:58:18 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Arnold Hara](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 7:01:36 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Barry Brennan](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:24:39 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Blake Rabe](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:35:40 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [David Schell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:17:48 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Derek Kurisu](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:57:31 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Diane Chuensanguansat](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:51:10 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [GLENN TOYAMA](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:15:00 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [John Gordines](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:31:27 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Joy Kono](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:45:14 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Laila Jayyousi](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:53:45 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Melvin Matsuda](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:57:11 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [melvin kunitake](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:05:59 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Mark Phillipson](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:39:15 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Robert Paull](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:27:41 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Stacie Sasagawa](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:50:51 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Stephanie Whalen](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:08:25 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Tom Shigemoto](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:12:03 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Terry Sekioka](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:26:26 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Wayne Katayama](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:15:44 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

GM-691

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 11:00:36 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/13/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
phyllis shimabukuro	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

i strongly support Governor's Message No. 691 that seeks to confirm Mr. Yukio Kitagawa to the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board. I have known Mr. Kitagawa for 29 years and I served on the Board of Agriculture under Mr. Kitagawa as Chairperson. He possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience of Hawaiian agriculture and I admire his dedication to the farming community and the State of Hawaii with his willingness to serve on the Board of ADC. Mr. Kitagawa has first hand experience with the closures of many plantations and he was present at the beginning of the transition of Oahu Sugar plantation lands to diversified agriculture operations by family owned and operated farms. The lessons he experienced and the events he witnessed are valuable to the further growth and utilization of former plantation prime agricultural lands by both new and established farmers looking for opportunities to grow more local food.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of GM No. 691, Mr. Yukio Kitagawa as a member of the Agribusiness Development Corporation Board.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser

GM-691

Submitted on: 4/12/2018 11:26:39 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/13/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Blaine Grassman](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:04:55 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Luana Beck](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:47:56 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [paul Kaneshiro](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:22:34 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Thomas Greenwell](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:48:00 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [David Bateman](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:20:20 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Donald Lau](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:35:56 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Donna Woolley](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:32:28 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [John Wooten](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Friday, April 13, 2018 6:49:00 AM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: [Michelle Starke](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT GM 691
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:54:18 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, and members of the committee:

I SUPPORT GM 691, which nominates Yukio Kitagawa to serve on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

Yukio Kitagawa
April 13, 2018

Senator Mike Gabbard
Chair, Agriculture and Environment
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Written Statement for Gubernatorial Nomination to the Board of Directors of the
Agribusiness Development Corporation

I am currently a member of ADC and hope to continue with the developments of the ongoing and new projects, which I would like to be involved with. I have been involved in agriculture for many years at the college and at the department of agriculture and was involved in the initial formation of ADC. I believe based on my years in agriculture I can work collaboratively with the board members to develop programs or projects to enhance the growth of agriculture.

I can recall the agriculture was a "way of life" for many diversified producers. Not so any more especially if agriculture is to grow and help reduce importation. The cost of production, the ability to finance start up farms, the available water and land, the need to meet sanitary practices are some important issues the public sector can be of assistance. Research and delivery of information needs to be sustained, and even though these functions are necessarily a part of ADC it can play a role.