STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 395

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa President of the Senate Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 395, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

G.M. No. 395 BRIAN H. SUZUKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2011,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee, and finds Brian H. Suzuki to have the necessary qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Testimony in support of the nomination of Brian H. Suzuki was submitted by one state agency and one individual. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Mr. Suzuki earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian Studies and Japanese Language from the University of Hawaii. He is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Air Cargo. Mr. Suzuki previously served in the United States Naval Reserve for twelve years, and worked as a Passenger Service Agent and Cargo Service Supervisor for Pan American World Airways and as the Hawaii District Manager for Transpacific Air Cargo.

Mr. Suzuki has been an active member of cultural and air cargo-related associations. He is currently a member of the Board



of Governors of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Hong Kong Business Association of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Export Nursery Association. He is the founder of the national AirForwarders Association and has served in leadership roles for the National Defense Transportation Association, Air Cargo Association of Hawaii, and the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Suzuki has served on the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation since July 2008. According to testimony, Mr. Suzuki brings necessary agricultural transportation experience and industry contacts to the Corporation, and is familiar with various farming operations and the uniqueness of each island's transportation issues. This combination of experience and knowledge makes Mr. Suzuki a fine candidate for the Board of the Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs.

CLAYTON HEE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Fifth Legislature State of Hawaii

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