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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI  
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE

Tuesday, April 2, 2013  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 308

SENATE BILL NO. 753, SD 2, HD1  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 753 SD2, HD1. This bill authorizes the Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to negotiate and enter into leases with the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) to effectuate the purposes of the agribusiness development program in directing agricultural industry evolution. ADC supports this bill as currently drafted.

For many years, Hawaii's farmers have been burdened by the rising cost of fuel, federal food safety requirements, and the inability to access land and obtain a long-term lease. These challenges exist to this day, and they threaten the livelihood and survival of our local farmers throughout the State.

ADC's mission is to create a vehicle and process to make optimal use of agricultural assets such as land and infrastructure. This bill seeks to allow HDOA to

lease lands under its control to ADC for the purpose of administering a cooperative and comprehensive agribusiness development program to provide options for farmers to access land, help create jobs in the agricultural industry, and reduce our state's dependence on imported foods.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Statement of  
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In consideration of  
**SB 753 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee on Finance.

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) respectfully submits testimony offering **comments on section 3** only of SB 753 SD2 HD1. We do not offer comment on the other sections.

HTDC is supportive of collaborative efforts with other State agencies. Technology is an integral part of staying competitive in all industry sectors today. HTDC's interests and expertise are working with companies looking to invent and commercialize novel technology solutions. HTDC also manages a federally funded Manufacturing Extension Partnership program designed to support local manufacturers. As resource allows, HTDC will continue to support other State agencies as their needs intersects with HTDC's mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.