

GM723

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, YUKIO KITAGAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Testimony on GM 723

Confirmation of Yukio Kitagawa

Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Please accept this Testimony in strong support of GM 723, regarding the confirmation of Yukio Kitagawa to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Yukio Kitagawa has years of experience and expertise on the agriculture industry in Hawaii. He is a former Chairperson of the Hawaii State Department of Agriculture. Prior to that, Yukio Kitagawa was the Assistant Director of the Cooperative Extension Service for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii. He is currently a Board Member of the Hawaii Agriculture Resource Center, the City and County of Honolulu Agriculture Development Task Force, and the Hawaii Agricultural Foundation. His numerous roles give him a unique understanding of the challenges Hawaii faces regarding agribusiness development.

I have worked with Yukio Kitagawa and know he will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Agribusiness Development Corporation. He is well respected for his accomplishments and known for his hard work and dedication. I stand in strong support of his nomination.

Sincerely,

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

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

April 16, 2015
2:45 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 414

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 723
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-
2018**

Chairperson Ruderman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 723 that submits for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Yukio Kitagawa, for a term to expire on June 30, 2018. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Kitagawa.

Mr. Kitagawa brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in the agricultural industry. Mr. Kitagawa has served in key leadership roles in both the Department of Agriculture, where he served as the Deputy to the Chairperson and the Chairperson of the Department, and in the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, where he served as the Assistant Director of the Cooperative Extension Service. Furthermore, Mr. Kitagawa served on national committees that discussed agricultural issues including: the National Association of County Agricultural Agents where he served as President, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and the Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture where he served as President.



Mr. Kitagawa is supremely qualified to serve as a Board member and we look forward to his participation and insight on the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Manfredi	Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Farm Bureau is in strong support of the confirmation of Yukio Kitagawa for ADC Board.

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Thursday, April 16, 2015
2:45 PM

GM 723 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, YUKIO KITAGAWA, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Aloha Chair Ruderman 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 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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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Janet Ashman	Individual	Support	No

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Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Chairperson Ruderman and Members of the Committee, I strongly support the confirmation of Yukio Kitagawa to the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation. I served on the Board of Agriculture while Mr. Kitagawa was Chairperson. He was the consummate Director of the Department of Agriculture. I also served on committees under his leadership concerning agricultural dedication of land for the City and County of Honolulu; and research and development grants of agricultural commodities. He is very knowledgeable of farming, agricultural resources and the Land Grant Mission. He possesses the skillsets to effectuate growth in Hawaiian agriculture with the highest integrity and passion. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Yukio Kitagawa to the Board of Directors for the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

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