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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026
3:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224 & VIDEOCONFERENCE**

GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 777

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE SHRINER, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity (Board) for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

The Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity (Department) supports the nomination of Suzanne Shriner to serve on the Board as the Member representing Hawaii County. Ms. Shriner enhances the Board by bringing years of experience with Hawaii agriculture in the export, pest management, and federal programs sectors. She is also a coffee producer and officer with the Kona Coffee Farmers Association and Hawaii Coffee Association.

Having worked with Suzanne for many years, I can confirm that she is respected for her hard work, technical knowledge and willingness to take on projects that benefit Hawaii agriculture.

Respectfully requesting your confirmation of Suzanne Shriner as the Hawaii County Member of the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)

Re: Testimony in Support of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Gubernatorial Nominee,

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards and Committee Members,

The Kona Coffee Farmers Association without reservation supports the nomination and confirmation of Suzanne Shriner appointment to the Board of Agriculture. We represent over 180 farms in the Kona districts, and our mission is to protect the economic interests of our growers.

Our growers have a deep appreciation for Suzanne. She has advocated for coffee farmers for years, assisting the growth of their agribusinesses, helping them through challenges, and giving their products standing on the Hawaiian, national, and international stages. She has been a leader for positive outcomes on behalf scientific research, Hawaii state policies and industry practices for Kona and Hawaiian coffee.

Because of her unique role as a farmer, KCFA and HCA trailblazer, and Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council Director and other leadership roles, she is one of the few individuals statewide who have a birds-eye view of both the needs and the opportunities for Hawaii agricultural products, whether it is coffee, cacao, macadamia or avocados and livestock. She has used her role to push, promote and drive forward our origin products.

As a family coffee and cacao farmer in Honaunau-Napo'opo'o and with the rest of the membership of KCFA we encourage your support for Suzanne and the benefits she will bring on behalf of all agricultural entities.

Mahalo nui loa!

Mark Petersen
President

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/27/2026 4:22:07 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
James Kimo Falconer	Testifying for Hawaii Coffee Growers Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards and members of the Senate Agriculture and Environment.

I am writing in support of GM 777. The consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Suzanne is a huge asset to Hawaiian Agriculture. Her leadership within our coffee industry is not just as a farmer, but one who takes our case to lawmakers in Washington D.C. regularly. She leads the Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council bringing in funding for multiple Ag sectors. These and her presence on many other Ag Boards will give her a solid foundation as member of this important committee.

Our association firmly supports her appointment. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026
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Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 3:00 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

GM777: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE SHRINER

My name is Eric S. Tanouye and I am the President for the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. HFNA is a statewide umbrella organization with approximately 300 members. Our membership is made up with breeders, hybridizers, propagators, growers, shippers, wholesalers, retailers, educators, and the allied industry, which supports our efforts in agriculture.

The Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA) **Strongly SUPPORTS** the nomination of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and biosecurity.

Suzanne has proven to have understanding of the difficulties and challenges that face Agriculture in Hawaii. She would be an asset to Hawaii to have her serve on the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

We have had the pleasure of working with her as part of the Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council (SHAC). SHAC is a statewide organization consisting of five commodity associations – the Hawaii Chocolate & Cacao Association (HCCA), the Hawaii Coffee Association (HCA), the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association (HFNA), the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association (HMNA) and the Hawaii Papaya Industry Association (HPIA), and represents over 1000 businesses, from growers to processors and shippers, stretching across the State of Hawaii

She acts as an effective representative for both our commodity organizations and for Agriculture. She keeps abreast of current situations and the needs of agriculture here in Hawaii. Suzanne has a deep understanding of the compliance requirements and regulations for Agriculture.



She has worked as a farmer and knows the mindset of our farmers and ranchers in the state. She can provide a needed dual viewpoint as a farmer and from regulations.

If you have any questions at this time, I would be happy to discuss them and can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 ext 22, cell 960-1433 and email eric@greenpointnursery.com.

Supporting Agriculture and Hawaii,



Eric S. Tanouye

President

Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 9:42:17 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chris Speere	Testifying for Maui Coffee Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Chris Speere and I serve as the President of the Maui Coffee Association.

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, representing the Hawai'i Island seat.

Suzanne is a long serving and knowledgeable advocate of our agricultural and coffee community who brings a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing coffee growers and farmers on Hawai'i Island. Through her involvement with the Hawai'i Coffee Association, Kona Coffee Farmers Association, and Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council, she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the health and sustainability of our local agricultural industry, and a genuine passion for supporting the people here.

The Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity plays a critical role in shaping policy that directly impacts our island wide coffee farmers and the future of agriculture in this state. Hawai'i Island and its sister islands needs a strong, informed, and engaged voice at that table, and Suzanne Shriner is exactly that.

We respectfully urge the committee to confirm her appointment, and we are confident she will serve with integrity, dedication, and aloha.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 6:55:31 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ralph Gaston	Testifying for Isla Custom Coffees LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I would like to take this time to voice our support for Suzanne Shriner's nomination and approval for a term on Hawaii's Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Our company has been an active member of the Hawaii coffee industry for 15 years now, and in that time we have been able to observe and collaborate with Suzanne on several projects designed to benefit the coffee industry.

As a board member of SHAC, I personally have also seen this same dilligence, focus and vision in action to assist with many of our commodity groups. From cacao to coffee, floriculture to macadamia nuts, SHAC has sucessfully connected our ag commodities in ways that become more vital with each passing day.

I believe this same dilligence, focus and vision will be great assets for the Board of Agriculture, and am in full support of Suzanne Shriner's approval for a term of service.

Mahalo,

Ralph Gaston

Isla Custom Coffees LLC



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

GM777

James Gomes

April 1, 2026, 3:00 PM

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports GM777** for the consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, Gubernatorial Nominee, SUZANNE SHRINER, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

Ms. Shriner is versed in both practical farming, as well as the policies of agriculture. Her breadth of knowledge and experience in federal programs and opportunities will be an asset to the board. As the Administrator of the Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council, she has an understanding of multiple crops and their marketing needs, and has proven her willingness and skill in speaking up for agriculture in Hawaii. Additionally, she is well-versed in the invasive species that agriculture producers contend with.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county-level Cattlemen's Associations. Ranchers produce a high-quality protein and are the stewards of almost 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or nearly 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director





Testimony of Nathan Trump

Island Harvest Inc.

March 30, 2026

RE: GM777: Nomination of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

I am Nathan Trump, writing on behalf of Island Harvest in support of Suzanne Shriner's confirmation to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity. In her role with Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council (SHAC), Suzanne has been the main catalyst for grower support programs, scientific research, and market expansion for coffee, macadamia nuts, papaya, floriculture, and more recently, cacao. Without her expertise working with federal funding programs, these industries would be significantly more limited in their agricultural production, and overall farm profitability. Suzanne's experience as a farmer in Hawaii further strengthens her effectiveness in matching federal programs with the real needs of farmers, maximizing programmatic impact for Hawaii.

When I was President of the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association (HMNA), Suzanne, along with the SHAC board, invited our organization to become a member of SHAC. Before joining SHAC, the HMNA had received less than \$50,000 of state and federal funding in the previous 10 years and struggled to support growers and develop markets. Since joining SHAC in 2022, Hawaii's macadamia nut industry has received over \$1 million in support. This has helped HMNA successfully promote Hawaii-grown macadamia nuts in Canada, Japan, and South Korea, as well as expand grower opportunities by providing workshops for growers, and support research and development on a variety of industry priorities. Much of this success can be directly attributed to the expertise and effectiveness of Suzanne Shriner.

Lastly, it's been a joy to get to know Suzanne and work together on behalf of Hawaii agriculture. Suzanne is a measured person who brings a sharp analytical mind to her work, and balances that with friendliness and a cooperative attitude that allows for collaboration to flourish. I believe the combination of her experience and her commitment to the success of Hawaii agriculture will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Mahalo,

Nathan Trump

General Manager
Island Harvest

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 2:30:35 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gordon Inouye	Testifying for PUNA FLOWER POWER	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Members,

I am Gordon Inouye, President of the Puna Flower Powe Cooperative, created to revive the orchid industry devastated by the Kilauea Eruption of 2018. We are an active and productive entity today due in large part by the leadership of Suaznne Shriner as the ED of Synergistic Hawaii Agricultural Council. Her vision and leadership have enabled PFP to receive substantial grant support to realize the coop's misson. We strongly reccomend approving her nomination to be a member of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Sincerely and with Aloha, Gordon Inouye

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:18:05 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Abby Munoz	Testifying for Monarch Coffee	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Committee:

My name is Abigaile Munoz and I am the owner of Monarch Coffee.

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, representing the Hawai'i Island seat.

Suzanne is a dedicated and knowledgeable member of our agricultural community who brings a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing farmers on Hawai'i Island. Through her involvement with the Hawai'i Coffee Association, Kona Coffee Farmers Association, and Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council, she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the health and sustainability of our local agricultural industry and a genuine passion for supporting the people here.

The Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity plays a critical role in shaping policy that directly impacts our farmers and the future of agriculture in this state. Hawai'i Island needs a strong, informed, and engaged voice at that table, and Suzanne Shriner is exactly that.

We respectfully urge the committee to confirm her appointment, and we are confident she will serve with integrity, dedication, and aloha.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.



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My name is Jon Tanouye and I am the current President of the Orchid Growers of Hawaii (OGO).

OGO would like to give our **support** for the confirmation of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

We believe Suzanne Shriner would serve as an exemplary member of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity. She will help with her expertise and knowledge to serve Agriculture here in Hawaii.

If you have any other questions, you may contact me to discuss and I can be reached by phone at 808-959-3535 and email jon@greenpointnursery.com.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Tanouye
President
Orchid Growers of Hawaii (OGO)

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/30/2026 9:26:52 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alla Kostenko	Testifying for A Coffee Farm	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Alla Kostenko and I am Co-Founder at A Coffee Farm in Ka'u.

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, representing the Hawai'i Island seat.

Suzanne is a dedicated and knowledgeable member of our agricultural community who brings a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing farmers on Hawai'i Island. Through her involvement with the Hawai'i Coffee Association, Kona Coffee Farmers Association, and Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council, she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the health and sustainability of our local agricultural industry, and a genuine passion for supporting the people here.

The Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity plays a critical role in shaping policy that directly impacts our farmers and the future of agriculture in this state. Hawai'i Island needs a strong, informed, and engaged voice at that table, and Suzanne Shriner is exactly that.

We respectfully urge the committee to confirm her appointment, and we are confident she will serve with integrity, dedication, and aloha.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Alla Kostenko



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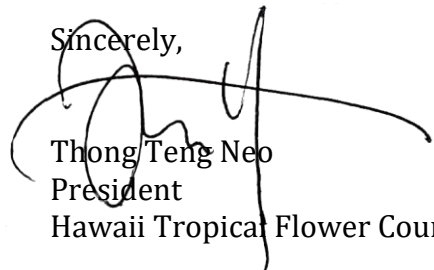
Aloha,

My name is Thong Teng Neo and am the current President of the Hawaii Tropical Flower Council (HTFC). HTFC is a statewide association of commodity organizations, ie: anthurium, orchid, protea, tropic flowers and foliage, blooming and foliage plants. The Hawai'i Tropical Flower Council directs promotion and supports research of Hawaii's tropical flower industry. Each of the state's major flower commodity groups (anthuriums, orchids, proteas, tropic flowers and foliage, blooming and foliage plants) is represented on the council's board of directors. HTFC serves as a non-profit Hawaii Corporation to promote for its commodity groups and other producers of tropical horticulture grown in the State of Hawaii.

We would like to express our **support** for the nomination of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

We have had the opportunity to interact and work with Suzanne Shriners in her position with Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council and have found her to be well educated and versed in agriculture concerns and needs. She would be an excellent member of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence and if you have any questions, I can be reached at neo@greenpointnursery.com or 808 959 3535 ext 2615.

Sincerely,

Thong Teng Neo
President
Hawaii Tropical Flower Council

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RE: SUPPORT for GM777; Confirmation of SUZANNE SHRINER to Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of this confirmation. The Hawaii Coffee Association represents coffee growers, processors, retailers, and service providers statewide with the shared economic interest in Hawaiian coffee.

Suzanne Shriner is a longtime board member of the Hawaii Coffee Association and brings her leadership and experience with small farm operations to the table. She currently serves as the Vice President of the organization. She works closely with members across the region in a supportive manner, and listens to all before making thoughtful decisions.

Her background in the sciences has been very helpful in guiding responses to pests and disease. Her work with Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council (SHAC) has brought extensive benefits to growers, through grant programs that expand knowledge on coffee leaf rust and coffee berry borer response, productivity, and on-farm economics. SHAC coordinates marketing for HCA as well, and helps all growers increase sales of their coffee to the mainland.

Our association strongly supports GM777, and looks forward to working with Suzanne via DAB.

Mahalo nui,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryson Nakamasu".

Ryson Nakamasu
President

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/31/2026 5:36:32 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joan Obra	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Hawai‘i State Legislature
Hawai‘i State Capitol, Room 201
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813
March 31, 2026

RE: Testimony in Support of Suzanne Shriner, Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity

Dear Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

My name is Joan Obra, and I am the grant writer and program manager at the Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council (SHAC). It’s hard for me to limit to two minutes the good things I want to say about Suzanne Shriner. But I’ll do my best.

I’ve worked closely with Suzanne since 2017, which is about nine years now. Under Suzanne’s leadership as administrator, SHAC’s programs serving Hawai‘i agriculture have expanded considerably. They include marketing, disaster relief, scientific-and-technical assistance, and workforce development — all benefiting Hawai‘i-grown coffee, macadamia nuts, cacao, papaya, tea, ulu, and floriculture-and-nursery products.

This is no accident. Suzanne is a remarkably clear strategic thinker. She is someone who can hold the immediate priorities, the medium-range planning, and the long-term vision all at once.

She also has cultivated extensive relationships at the county, state, and federal level, as well as with the University of Hawai‘i and other organizations that serve Hawai‘i agriculture. This was especially helpful last year, when federal funding shifted significantly. Suzanne’s network and her resourcefulness helped us re-secure funding for Hawai‘i agriculture.

Finally, I want to emphasize how Suzanne leads. She listens. She supports her people. She gives credit publicly and takes personal responsibility. In nearly a decade of working alongside her, I have never once doubted that she has the mission, and the people around her, at the center of everything she does.

The Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity would be fortunate to have her. I offer my full and enthusiastic support.

Thank you,
Joan

Joan Obra
Grant Writer and Program Manager
Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/27/2026 2:27:10 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Margaret Duka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To the Hawaii State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Suzanne Shriner to the Hawaii Island seat on the Board of Agriculture (GM777).

As fellow board member of the Hawai'i Coffee Association with her, I have seen firsthand Suzanne's dedication to Hawaii's agricultural community. Her extensive experience and leadership, particularly through her work with the Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council, make her an excellent choice for this position. I believe her expertise will be an invaluable asset to the Board and the state.

I urge the committee to support her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Margaret Duka

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/27/2026 2:33:42 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Harold M Hoogasian	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a Kona Coffee farmer and I support the nomination of Suzanne Shriner for appointment to this entity.

Harold

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/27/2026 2:46:05 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cecelia Smith	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Suzanne Shriner is an exemplary woman. Very smart and equally kind. She can deal with all kinds of people. I have worked with her for over 20 years and she always impresses me. You would be very lucky to have her on the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity!. mahalo.

Cecelia Smith

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/27/2026 7:54:04 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jim Monk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony

IN FAVOR OF

Suzanne Shriner

for the Hawai'i Island seat on the Board of Ag and Biosecurity

My name is Jim Monk. I am a Kona Coffee Farmer, member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association (KCFA) and its Treasurer.

For many years I have had the pleasure of working with Ms Shriner on the Board and in the Association. She has worked tirelessly to improve the condition of Kona Coffee Farmers. She has worked on an amazing number of projects to support farmers by increasing their revenue from various programs, increasing their knowledge through helping to organize and run the Coffee Symposiums put on by the KCFA, supporting the dissemination of information to our members and being a valued member of the group that lead the organization.

For many hours I have sat in board meetings with Ms Shriner. She is collegial, intelligent, interested in the details and persuasive in offering her position on the matters at hand. She does her homework and comes prepared for all the discussions. She listens carefully to the other side and is willing to compromise as needed.

Ms Shriner has been the president of the KCFA and a member of the Association since its inception in 2006, is working on the Hawai'i Coffee Association board with the full support of the KCFA, has been a member of SHAC for many years and has traveled to Washington, DC,

numerous times to work with the Hawaiian Congressional delegation on matters that pertain to Hawaiian agriculture.

I am strongly in favor of Ms Shriner becoming a member of the Hawai'i Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Thank you,

Jim Monk

Testimony in support of Governor's nomination of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity

To Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Environment;

My name is Michael Miyahira and I write in support of Suzanne Shriner's nomination to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Suzanne is uniquely qualified to serve on the board of Agriculture and Biosecurity. She has an extensive background in coffee and tropical agriculture as a coffee farmer/producer and as someone who has done significant work to support our floriculture, macadamia nut, papaya, coffee and cacao commodity groups.

She is co-owner and president of Lion's Gate farms, a coffee farm located in Honanau. She is the administrator of the Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council; a non-profit organization that provides grant funded export marketing and technical assistance to various agriculture commodity groups.

She is an officer or board/committee member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association, the Hawaii Coffee Association, the USDA Farm Service Agency, and the USDA Coffee and Cacao Crop Germ Plasm Committee.

She is a published author or co-author of scientific research focused on agricultural research.

I cannot think of a more qualified individual to serve on the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/28/2026 6:51:24 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Robertson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Andrew Robertson, I purchased a small coffee farm about 2.5 years ago in the Captian Cook, Hawaii area.

I admit I haven't known Suzanne all that long but she has really impressed me with her knowlege of how the agricultural legistion bill have gone and the progress as they move through the house and senate, such as to 100% Kona coffee labels.

She also has a deep knowlege of the farming techniques for growing coffee and what pest can do to it and what is the best way to prevent them from ruining the crop.

She is extremely smart and easy to comunicate with and would be a real asset on the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity

Thank you for your time

Andrew Robertson

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/28/2026 2:44:19 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha from Kauai,

I am supporting Suzanne Shriner for Board of Ag. and Biosecurity. She will be a experienced and qualified addition.

Aloha,

Johnny Gordines

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 9:48:50 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Miles Mayne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM777

Submitting: Miles Mayne, Silver Cloud Coffee Farm, Wood Valley, Ka‘ū

Hearing: Wednesday, 3:00 PM

Committee: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Measure: GM777 – Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity (Hawai‘i Island Seat), Gubernatorial Nominee Suzanne Shriner

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Miles Mayne**, owner and operator of **Silver Cloud Coffee Farm** in Wood Valley, Ka‘ū, and an active member of the Hawai‘i Island agricultural community. I am writing in **strong and unequivocal support** of **Suzanne Shriner** for confirmation to the Hawai‘i Island seat on the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Suzanne is one of the rare leaders in our agricultural sector who combines **deep technical knowledge, hands-on production experience**, and a **steady, solutions-oriented approach** to the challenges facing Hawai‘i’s farmers. Her work across multiple agricultural landscapes has given her a grounded understanding of the realities growers face — from invasive species pressure and biosecurity vulnerabilities to market access, infrastructure gaps, and the increasing volatility of climate-driven events.

What distinguishes Suzanne is not only her expertise, but her **integrity and her commitment to collaborative problem-solving**. She listens first, seeks clarity, and consistently elevates the voices of working producers. In every setting I have observed, she brings rigor, fairness, and a genuine desire to strengthen Hawai‘i’s agricultural resilience.

Hawai‘i Island needs representation that understands both the urgency and the nuance of our agricultural challenges. Suzanne brings exactly that. Her presence on the Board would be a tremendous asset to farmers, ranchers, and producers statewide, and her leadership would help ensure that policy decisions are informed by real-world experience and grounded in the long-term health of Hawai‘i’s agricultural systems.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to **confirm Suzanne Shriner** to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for your continued support of Hawai'i's agricultural community.

Respectfully,

Miles Mayne

Silver Cloud Coffee Farm

Wood Valley, Ka'u, Hawai'i Island

GM-777

Submitted on: 3/29/2026 8:05:12 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/1/2026 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Heather Remo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Heather Remo, and I am the Secretary of the Hawai'i Coffee Association, Board Member of Kupa Aina O Keauhou, and a small business owner of Kona Mountain Coffee.

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, representing the Hawai'i Island seat.

Suzanne is a dedicated and knowledgeable member of our agricultural community who brings a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing farmers on Hawai'i Island. Through her involvement with the Hawai'i Coffee Association, Kona Coffee Farmers Association, and Synergistic Hawaii Agriculture Council, she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the health and sustainability of our local agricultural industry, and a genuine passion for supporting the people here.

The Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity plays a critical role in shaping policy that directly impacts our farmers and the future of agriculture in this state. Hawai'i Island needs a strong, informed, and engaged voice at that table, and Suzanne Shriner is exactly that.

We respectfully urge the committee to confirm her appointment and are confident she will serve with integrity, dedication, and aloha.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

DATE: March 28, 2026

TO: Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment

FROM: Melanie Bondera, Kanalani Ohana Farm

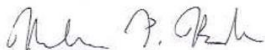
RE: Suzanne Shriner for Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity

Suzanne Shriner is 3rd generation Kona Coffee Farmer who has taken on first responsibility for improving the farming conditions and incomes of other coffee farmers, then of papaya and flower farmers.

She has been at the lead of helping our coffee growing community grapple with the onslaught of first Coffee Borer Beetle then Coffee Leaf Rust. She brought the first knowledge in from Colombia on managing CBB, authoring the IPM and video. She followed up at SHAC as the Technical Assistant teaching farmers directly about CBB IPM, distributing product, and collecting research data. She formed relationships and trust with the majority of Kona and Ka'u coffee farmers through this process. When Coffee Leaf Rust hit, she was Executive Director of SHAC and immediately gathered a \$6 million USDA research and extension grant powered by 6 universities to understand CLR in Hawaii and get farmers the needed IPM. She advocated for subsidies to help with the jump in product costs that farmers were struggling to pay for.

First on the Board at Kona Coffee Farmers Association and then at SHAC (Synergistic Hawaii Agricultural Council), she brought in additional grants to assist farmers with production and marketing, exceeding an additional \$6 million.

She is truly a leader and an asset to Hawaii Agriculture. I highly recommend her for the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity.



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Juli Burden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Juli Burden, and I am a Research Associate at the Hawai‘i Agriculture Research Center (HARC). HARC is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to advancing Hawai‘i’s agricultural systems through applied science, industry collaboration, and farmer support.

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Suzanne Shriner to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Suzanne has demonstrated a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing agriculture in Hawai‘i, and she would be a valuable asset in helping guide the future of our agricultural systems.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Suzanne for eight years on the Hawai‘i Coffee Association Board of Directors. During that time, I saw firsthand her commitment to the coffee industry and to agriculture more broadly. She consistently brought thoughtful leadership, a strong work ethic, and a collaborative approach to addressing complex issues impacting farmers, processors, and stakeholders across the state.

Suzanne has a clear understanding of the realities faced by producers in Hawai‘i, including the pressures of land access, labor, market conditions, and regulatory environments. She is well-informed, engaged, and dedicated to ensuring that agricultural voices are represented in policy discussions. Her ability to connect across sectors and communicate effectively makes her an especially strong candidate for this role.

Suzanne’s experience, leadership, and dedication to Hawai‘i agriculture make her exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity. I strongly support her nomination and believe she will serve the state with integrity and insight.