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## Legislative Testimony

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SCR71/SR44, Requesting the Convening of a Working Group to Review the Duties and Responsibilities of the Agribusiness Development Corporation and Make Recommendations to Improve the Corporation's Efficiency and Programs to Better Address Current and Future Agricultural Issues

Chairs Nishihara and Fukunaga and members of the committees on Agriculture and Economic Development and Technology, thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR71/SR44, which requests the convening of a working group to review the duties and responsibilities of the Agribusiness Development Corporation and make recommendations to improve the corporation's efficiency and programs to better address current and future agricultural issues.

Seventeen years ago when the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC ) was established, Hawaii's agriculture was transitioning from sugar and pineapple plantations to diversified crops. The transition has been virtually completed, and there are, perhaps, more opportunities and challenges facing agricultural operations today. Within this context, the ADC can play a critical role in advancing Hawaii's agriculture, particularly in serving as the interface between public and private sectors, streamlining processes within the government to achieve positive agricultural outcomes, and identifying how current and future agricultural issues can be more effectively addressed.

CTAHR supports the intent of SCR71/SR44 and will be pleased to participate on the working group as called for in these resolutions.