

## **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM**

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. By Nicholas Comerford, Dean College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources And Michael Bruno, PhD Provost University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

GM 817 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture, Gubernatorial Nominee, VINCENT MINA, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

We wish to voice our strong support for Mr. Vincent Mina's consideration for confirmation to the Board of Agriculture. We have worked with Mr. Mina for close to the past 3 years on this same board, and find him an open-minded, socially conscience, and well-informed individual who has performed admirably during the past several years. Continued appointment to the board provides continuity around important issues, as well as giving voice for underrepresented agriculture systems. Mr. Mina has shown a strong interest in making agriculture in Hawai'i a strong component of the state economy.