



I arrived at Rep. Tokuda's event at 9AM. It was a well-planned, effective event that Rep Tokuda called 'Savoring Aloha' using a Hawaii-grown breakfast as a lure. The products, I'm sure were left from 'Hawaii on the Hill' the previous evening. I was unable to attend that event.

There was a spread of Hawaii-grown agricultural products, including Kauai Coffee. I was surprised (and honored) to learn that I was invited to speak, which was news to me - I thought I was invited as an attendee.

Anyhow, I met the challenge and spoke about all issues relating to Hawaii coffee. High cost of production, research, regulations, counterfeiting, invasive species, CBB and CLR, and COVID recovery. The event was designed to capture the attention of the House Ag committee, including Chair Thompson, Ranking Member Scott; each were in attendance and listened attentively throughout. I spoke about the importance of the Farm Bill, CPHIAA and IR4. Senator Schatz was there as well as numerous staff.

I think we had a positive impact - certainly the panelists captured the attention of the target audience.

I also think we made important connections with Rep Tokuda's staff and that of other legislators. There was a lot of glad-handing and a photo event on the terrace. I was asked to stay to give an interview for Rep Tokuda's staff, that I did. They said they were creating a video presentation for the Ag committee.

We made a great impression for Hawaii Ag, and I certainly hope the connections we made for Hawaii will translate to meaningful action in the House ag committee as it relates to the Farm Bill, CPHIAA and IR4, as well as biosecurity and even counterfeiting.

Stay well,
Chris Manfredi



REP. JILL TOKUDA'S SAVORING ALOHA

SPEAKERS:

- **STATE SENATOR TIM RICHARDS- CATTLE**

State Senator Tim Richards works as a veterinarian and grew up working on his families cattle and sheep ranch.

Legislative Priorities: H.R. 3657, the RTCP Revitalization Act.

- **NATHAN TRUMP- MACADAMIA NUT**

Nathan is the President of the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association and General Manager for Island Harvest, a farming company focused on macadamia production on Hawaii Island.

Legislative Priorities: H.R. 966, the Macadamia Tree Health Initiative Amendments Act.

- **CHRIS MANFREDI- COFFEE**

Chris is a Ka'u coffee farmer and founder of the Ka'u coffee festival on Hawaii Island.

Legislative Priorities: H.R. 965, the Coffee Plant Health Initiative Amendments Act.

- **KENT DURLAO- HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Kent works as an Outreach and Education Specialist for the HDOA Plant Quarantine Division.

Legislative Priorities: Funding for invasive species management like axis deer, avocado lace bug, fruit flies, and Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death.

- **BRIAN MIYAMOTO- HAWAII FARM BUREAU**

Brian is the Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Legislative Priorities: H.R. 3543, the Grow Your Own Food Act & TEFAP Direct Purchase.