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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 254
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ROBERT D. HAUFF,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2013

Chairperson Hee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the nomination of Robert Hauff for the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

The Advisory Committee on Pesticides is established pursuant to Chapter 149A-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The committee advises and assists the department in developing and revising laws and rules to carry out the purposes of Chapter 149A and in advising the department of pesticide problems.

Mr. Hauff represents the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. Hauff is a forest health coordinator for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife. In his position as Forest Health Coordinator, Mr. Hauff is responsible for dealing with pest management issues in Hawaiian forests. He works with foresters and other pest management professionals within and outside the Department of Land and Natural Resources on pest monitoring and management. Some of pest species that are detrimental to forests are miconia, erythrina gall wasp,

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and ohia rust. Mr. Hauff has also worked as an ecologist with the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service's Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry. Mr. Hauff has been active on the committee. Mr. Hauff makes a considerable effort to assure that conservation pesticides issues are completely and accurately characterized at each meeting.

His reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides is strongly recommended.

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