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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO
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WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 438
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WESLEY F. OTANI,
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 Wesley Otani 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. Otani has served on the Advisory Committee under an interim appointment since February, 2004, representing the structural pest control industry. Mr. Otani has considerable experience in pesticides sales and use issues. He was the owner and operator of a small farm (Kamaaina Farms). He has worked for companies in sales and service of farm and commercial pest control equipment and supplies (HGP and Brewer Environmental Industries). He currently manages Terminix's operations on Oahu where he assesses training needs of technicians, provides administrative support and reviews overall operations for safety and efficiency. Mr. Otani has been an active participant in

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the Advisory Committee on Pesticides meetings providing information regarding pesticide concerns of the commercial pest control industry.

His reappointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides is recommended.

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