

GM 873

Testimony

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 873

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 873, submitting for consideration and confirmation as a member on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Mr. Patrick Bily. The Department would like to express its strong support for Mr. Pat Bily's nomination.

Mr. Bily has worked in the environmental conservation field since 1990, working for such entities as The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and the Maui Invasive Species committee, and currently serves as its Chairperson since 2009.

Mr. Bily has decades of experience with the application of herbicides in natural areas, has specialized in invasive plant control and has experience in the use of a new technology utilizing a high ballistic application of herbicides to control invasive weeds in hard to reach terrain.

His background as a general botanist and invasive plant specialist and experience working with various conservation and government agencies provides a perspective of dealing with the requirements of the recent National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. The NPDES requirements affect all applicators of pesticide and its residue that enters into waters of the United States.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support.



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Comments:

E kupaku ka 'aina - the Hawaii Land Restoration Institute supports the appointment of Pat Biley as a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. He has worked tirelessly in the service of native habitat recovery and invasive species control for many years. His experience will be a valuable asset to the committee.

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E kupaku ka 'aina