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Testimony

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 875

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 875, submitting for consideration and confirmation as a member on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Ms. Rebecca Carol Taylor. The Department would like to express its strong support for Ms. Taylor's nomination.

Ms. Taylor has previously served a 4-year term as a member on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides during the period of 7/1/2007- 6/30/2011. As a representative from the citizens group, Ms. Taylor's viewpoint and concerns are very much like those she represents. In addition, her background as an engineer in the petroleum industry in dealing with the impact of pesticides application to soils and the resulting chemistry interaction is a vital resource to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Her analytical mindset, ability to process critical information and dedication of purpose has guided the Advisory Committee on Pesticides with matters dealing with pesticides that may leach to groundwater.

A second 4-year term would provide a continuum of knowledge from the past Advisory Committee on Pesticides and its work on proposed rule revisions to: 1) changes to retail posting of pesticide information signs 2) changes to procedures for Pesticide Applicator Recertification and 3) changes to the Enforcement Action and Penalty Assessment Schedule.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

