

GM 903

WALTER CHUN

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Pest Control Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, WALTER CHUN, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Pest Control Board

Description:

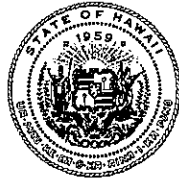
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4/2/2012	S	Received.
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4/5/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-11-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Wednesday, April 11, 2012
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 903
WALTER CHUN

WRITTEN ONLY

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Keali'i S. Lopez, and I am the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA" or the "Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 903 regarding the appointment of Walter Chun to the Pest Control Board ("Board") as a public member. The Department respectfully requests the Committee to recommend that the Senate advise and consent this appointment to the Board.

The Department has contacted Mr. Chun regarding his candidacy for appointment to the Board, and based on discussions with Mr. Chun, I believe that he possesses the qualifications, background, and experiences to serve on the Board, and to contribute in a positive and constructive manner on matters that will come before the Board.

Mr. Chun has over forty years of experience in managing industrial safety and health and holds certifications as a construction health and safety technician, and as a certified healthcare safety professional. He has served as an occupational health and safety consultant for many years and was the Pacific Area Director for the U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA from 1991-1993. Mr. Chun also worked in the private sector for Raytheon and, later, Bechtel. Mr. Chun has been a private consultant in safety and health since 1996.

Mr. Chun's main concern on the Board is that applicant companies provide adequate protections for their workers and customers. For example, farmers need to know how to handle pesticides on the food they are growing and to always rinse the food with water before it goes to market.

Mr. Chun has been advised of the Board's meeting schedule for 2012 and he indicates that he doesn't see a problem in making all of the meetings.

In light of his background, I am confident that if given the opportunity, Mr. Chun will prove to be an asset to the State and to this Board. I respectfully request the Committee recommend that the Senate advise and consent to this appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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April 3, 2012

NOMINATION FOR WALTER CHUN FOR THE PEST CONTROL BOARD – PERSONAL STATEMENT

As an occupational safety and health engineer and management consultant with over 40 years of experience I would like to serve as a member of the Pest Control Board. As a member of the Pest Control Board I believe I can serve best by using my experience, knowledge and education in the improvement and the monitoring of the pest control rules and regulations for Hawaii.

The role and responsibilities of the board to grant licenses to operators, to ensure the rules are current and protective of the general public, and to enforce the rules and regulations applicable to pest control.

My experience, education, and expertise in the development, implementation, monitoring and enforcement, auditing, training, and evaluation of safety programs to ensure worker safety is applicable and I believe valuable to the Pest Control Board. I served as safety and health manager in many positions, as an OSHA Area Director in the Pacific and as an independent consultant regarding safety and health matters. My ability to weigh the knowledge of the workers and employers; the application and the practicality of rules and regulations as it protects the general public and workers; and my experience with working with people are the skills and expertise that will be helpful in making informed and good decisions as a board member.