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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 503

Chairperson Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 503, submitting for consideration and confirmation as a member on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, JAMES ESCHLE, Ph. D. The Department would like to express its strong support for Dr. Eschle's nomination.

Dr. Eschle is a professional Entomologist with 13 years of applied research and project management experience with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in a widely diverse research program that focused on the biology and control of insects affecting livestock. Dr. Eschle would serve as the representative from the Structural Pest Control Industry.

Dr. Eschle has served as a consultant/technician to over forty five condominium projects in Hawaii, evaluating problems caused by ground termites and has provided specific recommendations for treatment. His background also includes work conducting environmental assessments of Trifly eradication and evaluating the efficacy of insecticide impregnated ear tags in field trials on pastured cattle in Hawaii.

Dr. Eschle has served as an expert witness on litigation cases involving termite inspections and damage, has conducted several hundred inspections per year for Realtors, and provided classes to pest control operators on behalf of the Hawaii Pest Control Association.

Dr. Eschle's analytical mindset, ability to process critical information and dedication of purpose with matters dealing with pesticides will serve as a vital resource to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.





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Testimony To: Senate Committee on Agriculture
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair

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Subject: G.M. 503 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Gubernatorial Nominee, JAMES ESCHLE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association and we strongly support this nomination.

Dr. Eschle has been involved in the structural pest control industry for many years and is considered an expert within the industry often times being called as an expert witness in legal matters.

Dr. Eschle has served the Association in a variety of capacities leading us to the conclusion that he is well rounded and has the expertise to serve on this Advisory Committee. It should be

noted that Dr. Eschle, at this point only prepares reports and does not apply pesticides although he is licensed and certified to do both. He is however, almost always one of the first people to register at any educational event that we have put on, a good sign for someone to stay up to date and a necessary ingredient to serve on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Based on the above we highly recommend this Committee to advise and consent.

Thank you.