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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013  
02:45 PM

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 505

Chairperson Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 505, submitting for consideration and confirmation as a member on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, JOHN MCHUGH, Ph.D. The Department would like to express its strong support for Dr. McHugh's nomination.

Dr. McHugh is currently the Agronomist/Research Scientist for Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.'s Research Unit in Kunia, Oahu and has worked for over 38 years with farmers and ranchers in Hawaii to develop Integrated Pest Management (IPM) systems. Dr. McHugh would be the representative of the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

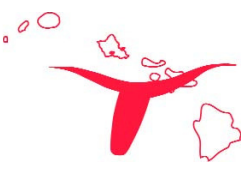
Dr. McHugh has been an active member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation since 1975 and since 2000 has served as Chair or Co-Chair of its Environmental Stewardship committee, which strives to ensure farmer compliance with environmental regulations that impact farming in Hawaii.

Through his volunteer efforts, Dr. McHugh has worked closely with a number of government and community organizations that include USDA's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Services, the Oahu Resources Conservation Council, the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District and the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawaii.

Dr. McHugh previously served on the Department of Agriculture's Pesticides Advisory Committee between July 1999 – June 2007. With the emergence of the seed corn industry in Hawaii, Dr. McHugh's expertise would be an invaluable asset to the Pesticides Advisory Committee.



Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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**SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR**  
**SENATOR RONALD D. KOUCHI, VICE CHAIR**

#### **TESTIMONY ON GM 505**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee on  
Pesticides, Gubernatorial Nominee,  
JOHN MCHUGH, for a term to expire 6-30-2015**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committees:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am the Government Affairs Chairperson of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council strongly supports GM 505.

I have personally known John for almost 25 years. During that time I have always felt that John was intelligent, well spoken, and very knowledgeable of the issues which affect the agricultural industry, and of the highest integrity. John McHugh has a career long background in environmental stewardship and pesticide application and safety. His past work demonstrates his dedication to conservation and to the land itself. Not only is John a good businessman and land steward, he is a nice guy. John is a do-bee...when John says he will do something, you know it will be done, and done well. His work for agriculture in Hawaii goes far beyond his day job, and he is actively involved in Farm Bureau's Environmental Stewardship Committee, the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District and the Oahu Resource and Development Council (ORC&D), and many others.

There are a few individuals that I know who are uniquely suited for this committee and would make an excellent contribution to the State of Hawaii, and John McHugh leads that list.

Please support John McHugh's nomination.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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#### GM 505

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**JOHN MCHUGH,**  
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March 5, 2013

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Stephanie Whalen. I am Executive Director of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center (HARC). I am testifying today on behalf of the center and our research and support staff.

#### **HARC strongly supports GM 505.**

Early in Dr. McHugh's career he was employed by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, our organization's former name. He did excellent work for the organization. This was during the period when Oahu Sugar Company announced its closure. John was sensitive to the concern of the outer island producers regarding replacing their markets by farms developing on Oahu's former sugarcane lands, and so researched the existing imported crop data. He then set up demonstration plots, had field days and was instrumental in determining that crops such as asparagus, which was 100% imported at that time, grew well here. Locally grown asparagus is now displacing a portion of its imported volume. This crop was also chosen as it used little or no pesticides for its maintenance.

Throughout his experience in agriculture whether consulting for producers or as an employee of an agricultural business Dr. McHugh has demonstrated his conscientiousness for the environment and for viable practices.

The experience and personal attributes of Dr. McHugh will be of great value to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. I urge you to approve his nomination by voting to support GM 505.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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February 26, 2013

GM 505: Relating to Advisory Committee on Pesticides  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
Tuesday March 5, 2013  
Conference Room 229 at 2:45 pm

Position: **Support Appointment of John McHugh to Advisory Committee**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on  
Agriculture,

I support the nomination of John McHugh to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides as  
noted in the Governor's Message 505.

Sincerely,

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Thank you,

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Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture,

My name is Cindy Goldstein and I support the nomination of John McHugh to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides as noted in the Governor's Message 505, and would urge the Senate Committee on Agriculture to approve his nomination. John has many years of experience working with Hawaii's farmers and he has been actively engaged with helping farmers that grow a wide range of herb, fruit, vegetable, and other crops. John's firsthand experience working with Hawaii's farmers and his understanding of the pests that impact our state make him well qualified to serve on the advisory committee.

John has served on the advisory committee in the past as a Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation representative and has been actively engaged with the topics addressed by the advisory committee for a number of years. John is very familiar with regulations around pesticide use and approvals, and understands the regulatory process well.

Mr. McHugh has the depth of understanding we would want in a representative serving on this committee. He has worked with and developed integrated pest management practices for Hawaii farmers where a broad range of tools are used to control and manage pests including organic methods, biocontrol, bee friendly practices and the judicious use of pesticides.

I respectfully urge the committee to support the appointment of John McHugh to the advisory committee on pesticides to lend his solid expertise to the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sasha Ota	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please accept my testimony in strong support of John McHugh to serve on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Dr. McHugh is the ideal candidate to represent the Farm Bureau on this committee as he is a true environmentalist who understands the science of natural resource protection. He is an inspiration to young farmers and others in his role as a Board member of the Ag Leadership Foundation of Hawaii. Dr. McHugh is an entomologist with decades of experience concerning the safe use of pesticides and the use of cover crops to lessen the need for pesticides. Furthermore, he has provided training to many local farmers, including immigrant farmers, to ensure that they understand pesticide laws and regulations and use pesticides, when necessary, in a safe manner. Because Dr. McHugh knows both the federal and state pesticide laws and rules, he will be an invaluable asset to assist the Committee. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of Dr. McHugh to serve on the Advisory Committee.

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