

**GM 501**

February 23, 2016

Senator Mike Gabbard  
Chair, Water, Land, and Agriculture Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 201  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Gabbard,

Below are statements for my nomination to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

*(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?*

Using my extensive background and experience with Hawaii pesticide issues, I want to be part of a team to advise and assist the Pesticide Branch of the Department of Agriculture in developing and/or revising laws and rules to ensure that the use of pesticides will not harm Hawaii's fragile environment and watershed, and that they are safe for human and wildlife health.

*(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?*

My role and responsibilities as a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, representing the Hawaii Farm Bureau, will be to advise the Hawaii Department of Agriculture Pesticide Branch on new or revised pesticide laws and regulations that will assure pesticide safety and the judicious use of pesticides to effectively control invasive and harmful pests in the State of Hawaii.

*(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.*

I am qualified to be a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides because of my educational background which includes a B.S., a M.S, and a Ph.D. in Entomology, with emphasis on integrating invasive pest management using both pesticides and nonchemical control strategies. I am also very familiar with the Hawaii Pesticide Law, in part through my training and qualifications as a Category 10 licensee under the stringent State-certification program. Additionally, I have worked with the Department and the community to help control invasive pests. I have researched and generated numerous efficacy and phytotoxicity data to support national and local registrations for the State of Hawaii. Furthermore, I have published over 70 refereed/peer-reviewed research papers in national and international journals on pesticides and nonchemical controls of invasive species.

*(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?*

I hope to assist the Department in promulgating new and/or revised pesticide regulations that enable the use of safer and more effective new products and methods to help Hawaii battle against the continuous influx of new invasive species that significantly impact agriculture and our fragile endemic flora and fauna. I will work to assure that any current or new pesticides do not have a negative impact on non-target organisms and our environment.

*(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?*

Innovative: As a researcher and extension specialist at the University of Hawaii for over 33 years, I have innovated new pesticide application techniques that target pest species and avoid effects on other organisms and the environment. For example, instead of spraying large amounts of insecticides throughout thrip and midge insect-infested orchid and anthurium plants; through our research, we discovered that strategically placing small amounts of granular product below the plant proved effective because it targeted the early stages of these destructive pests. As a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, I will share my expertise and assist the committee through innovative ideas such as the use of application techniques and timing to minimize the effects of pesticides on non-target organisms.

Knowledge of

Pesticides: My education and career background has provided me with broad knowledge of current and historically used organic and non-organic pesticide chemistries, along with those now in development. As a member of the Advisory Committee, I will be able to advise the Pesticide Branch in registering the safest and most effective pesticides for use in Hawaii.

Extensive

Network: I have collaborated and cooperated with numerous farmers, county, state, and federal environmental agencies, and the pesticide industry, both within and out of state, on pesticide efficacy, phytotoxicity and registration issues for the State of Hawaii. I intend to share my extensive networks with the Pesticide Branch to help obtain necessary information on these complex issues and to assure that decision-making is made using the most current scientific data and experience.

*(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?*

I have been deeply involved in the rigorous State of Hawaii pesticide registration process so I am very aware and knowledgeable about this complicated area of regulation. This experience will allow me to advise the Pesticide Branch on registering safer new alternative to assure no negative effects on humans, water, wildlife and the environment.

*(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?*

I do not foresee any conflicts of interests during my service on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides representing the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Thank you very much for considering my confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Please contact me at [arnold@hawaii.edu](mailto:arnold@hawaii.edu) or 808 937-1355 for any questions.

Sincerely,



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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND AGRICULTURE**

February 29, 2016  
2:45 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 224

GM NO. 501  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ARNOLD HARA

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM No. 501. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Dr. Arnold Hara is a professor and entomologist at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He has been with the University for over 33 years with an emphasis on insect and mite pests and their effects on agricultural and floricultural crops, elucidating the bionomics of these pests, and developing pest management programs that minimize the use of chemical pesticides. His research accomplishments include development of heat treatment to control quarantine pests.

Dr. Arnold Hara has received many different awards including the Excellence in Extension Award for Outstanding Performance and Results at UH CTAHR, the Aurora Gold Award for "Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii," the Excellence in Research at CTAHR, and the Above and Beyond Award 2013 Honorable Mention at the First Annual Hawaii Invasive Species Council Awards. Dr. Hara has contributed many literary journals and articles highlighting his many years of experience in the agricultural community. Please support this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Springer Kaye	Big Island Invasive Species Committee	Support	No

Comments: We offer our strong support in favor of this appointment.

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Teya Penniman	Maui Invasive Species Committee	Support	No

Comments: The Maui Invasive Species Committee supports the nomination of Dr. Arnold Hara to the Pesticide Advisory Committee. Dr. Hara has made immeasurable contributions to integrated pest management for many agricultural and environmental pests, including insects and weeds. He is widely recognized as a statewide expert on the safe and effective use of pesticides and has pioneered numerous studies on pest management. He is an outstanding and respected educator, often sought out for his knowledge and advice. His commitment and skills have been invaluable to the State on so many different battles, from coqui frogs to fire ants and many pest diseases. We support his nomination whole-heartedly. Sincerely, Teya M. Penniman Manager, Maui Invasive Species Committee

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

February 29, 2016

TESTIMONY ON GM 501, CONSIDERATION OF DR. ARNOLD HARA FOR CONFIRMATION TO THE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES

Room 224  
2:45 PM

Aloha Chairs Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Since 1948, the Hawaii Farm Bureau has served as Hawaii's voice of agriculture, to protect, advocate, and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural members who produce food, flowers, energy, and more, for Hawaii's communities. Representing nearly 2,000 farm family members statewide, we **support the confirmation of Dr. Arnold Hara** to be our representative on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

The committee serves a critically important role in Hawaii agriculture as it is tasked to advise and assist the State Department of Agriculture in developing and revising laws and rules regarding pesticides. In addition, the committee serves to advise the Department on pesticide problems, an issue which has recently become of greater interest to the general public.

As a farm producer-focused UH CTAHR extension research entomologist, Dr. Hara is uniquely qualified to represent our organization of farmers. He has in-depth working knowledge of the intricate Hawaii pesticide laws and regulations, as well as those of the Environmental Protection Agency. Having held the difficult-to-acquire Category 10 Commercial Applicator Certification, he is experienced not only in the written laws but also the practice and application of the law. Dr. Hara has been instrumental in researching pesticides to ensure that they are both effective and safe to use, allowing our local farmers to have successful crops and remain viable.

For over 30 years, Dr. Hara has served Hawaii by developing pest management programs that minimize the use of chemical pesticides. In addition, his work has helped to control the invasive species that can devastate our farms, communities, and watersheds. One of his primary objectives is to assist the Department in promulgating new and/or revised pesticide regulations that enable the use of safer and more effective new products and methods to help Hawaii battle against the continuous influx of new invasive species that significantly impact agriculture and our fragile endemic flora and fauna, while assuring that these products do not have a negative impact on non-target organisms and our environment. Dr. Hara has been recognized and honored by our state invasive species council, along with many other state and national organizations.

Thank you for your support of Hawaii's farmers and of Dr. Arnold Hara for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, to represent the Hawaii Farm Bureau.



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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

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Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Gabbard and committee members, Mr.Hara is very knowledgeable about Hawaii's agriculture and will be a valuable asset to the State of Hawaii. I strongly support Mr. Hara's nomination and appointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. Mahalo, Alan Takemoto

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Antya Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the nomination of Dr. Arnold Hara. Mahalo, Antya

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In support of Appointment of Dr. Arnold Hara to the Hawaii Advisory Committee on Pesticides

#### Relationship to Arnold

My name is Barry M. Brennan. I am an emeritus specialist with the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). I received my MS (1969) and PhD (1975) degrees in entomology from UH. For nearly 28 years I served as the Cooperative Extension Service's Pesticide Coordinator. In that capacity I worked closely with the Department of Agriculture on pesticide safety training, regulatory impact and needs assessment, and applicator certification. I served three terms on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides whose purpose is to advise and assist the Department of Agriculture develop or revise pesticide laws, regulations and policies.

I have known Dr. Hara since he was a graduate student in the Department of Entomology. As the Associate Dean and Director for Cooperative Extension Service I appointed him to serve as CTAHR's Integrated Pest Management Coordinator. In that capacity Dr. Hara focused on minimizing the use of pesticides to manage important pests of Hawaii's unique agricultural and floricultural crops. Evidence of his successful contributions to pest management is supported by numerous awards and recognition provided by his many clientele, their organizations, and by various professional associations. He is a member of Sigma Xi and Gamma Sigma Delta, both research honoraries.

Dr. Hara has published over 100 refereed articles, written 50 extension publications and other articles, and made numerous professional presentations. Many of his publications were jointly authored by other professionals, many of whom work for state and federal agencies. Suffice it to say that Arnold works well with others. His research is particularly important to halting the spread of pests both within the state and between Hawaii, the mainland, and foreign countries.

Dr. Hara has been innovative in developing techniques to manage a wide diversity of pests, from the coqui frog, to the little fire ant, to more common pests such as thrips, gall wasps, leaf miners, aphids, mealybugs, scales, and various plant pathogens. Arnold has worked on a number of pest management practices including the use of heat, hot water dips, irradiation, pesticides and biocontrol agents. His work with pesticides often focused on how to improve their efficacy while reducing their use, thus protecting both the applicator and the environment.

Dr. Hara's understanding of the role pesticides play in developing effective integrated pest management programs for Hawaii's agricultural and floricultural industries is well documented in his CV. I believe his experience and understanding of how, when and where pesticides are used in Hawaii give him the background needed to provide excellent advice to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. I urge you to approve his appointment.

Aloha.

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Beth Tokioka	Individual	Support	No

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Personal Testimony Presented before the  
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture  
February 29, 2016 at 2:45 pm  
by  
Douglas L. Vincent, Ph.D., P.A.S.

GM 501 Nomination of Dr. Arnold Hara

Personal Testimony Supporting Appointment of Dr. Arnold Hara

Chair Gabbard and Vice-Chair Nishihara and Committee members

My name is Douglas L. Vincent and I am a Professor and Animal Scientist in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. I am also a former Department Chair and have been a member of the faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for over 30 years. I am pleased to provide personal testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Dr. Arnold Hara for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii or the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

I support Governor Ige's nomination of Dr. Arnold Hara. I have had the honor to know Dr. Hara for nearly 30 years as colleagues in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Dr. Hara is an entomologist located at the Komohana Agricultural Center in Hilo. When a troublesome invasive pest arrive on Hawaii Island, it is Arnold Hara who is called upon to develop strategies to defeat the pest. Dr. Hara works tirelessly on many pests, whether it is the coqui frog, the coffee berry borer, coconut beetle, anthurium thrips, mealybugs, palm cycads, stinging nettle caterpillar or little fire ants. These are just a few of the pests Dr. Hara has studied, developed pest control strategies, and shared his findings with Hawaii (and other stakeholders) through publications from the Hawaii Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Hara has also developed unique phytosanitary pest control methods that has permitted Hawaii crops to be exported. Dr. Hara is a wonderful scientist, without an agenda, who works hard, using science-based methods, for the benefit of Hawaii's farmers, ranchers, homeowners, and other stakeholders to defeat the many, many invasive pests we face.

I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Arnold Hara for appointment to the Pesticide Advisory Committee.

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John R. Gordines	Individual	Support	No

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Joni Kamiya	Individual	Support	No

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J. Kenneth Grace	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Hara. In his 30 years as a CTAHR faculty member focusing on pest management and quarantine pest treatments, he has had extensive experience with evaluation and proper use of pesticides. He is internationally known for his research in this area. In addition, Dr. Hara has collaborated with the Department of Agriculture on special needs pesticides registrations for such pests as coqui frog, and has extensive experience as an instructor in workshops for extension agents, agricultural and nursery producers, and the landscape industry in Hawaii.

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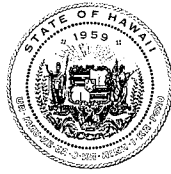
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**Testimony of Rep. Clift Tsuji**  
**Before the Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture**  
**Monday, February 29, 2016 2:45 p.m. State Capitol, Room 224**  
**RE: GM501**

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Committee Members:

Please accept my support for Dr. Arnold H. Hara's nomination to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides (Committee). With his extensive academic and work history, Dr. Hara is someone who will certainly bring significant benefit to this Committee.

I have known Dr. Hara for over 20 years, and can attest to his knowledge, research and responsible leadership. Arnold is keenly aware of how invasive species are detrimental to Hawaii's environment and economy. He provided valuable research on coqui frog, fire ants, and *Varroa* mites, to name a few. He also constructed a hot water treatment program to rid invasive species in outgoing and incoming agricultural cargo.

Dr. Hara's collective experiences and background give him a valuable perspective as relatable to the responsibilities of the Committee. I point to his 2010 State award for Quarantine First Responders, his numerous academic publications, and his involvement with insecticide registration for chemical companies and third party registrants as a few relevant examples.

This individual has distinguished himself in his profession and in the agricultural industry. The prospect of what he could contribute while serving on the Committee is a point worthy of consideration. I humbly ask that you give positive consideration to Dr. Hara's nomination.

Sincerely,

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