

GM 503

ANSWERS TO SEN. GABBARD
RE: 2016 RE-INSTATEMENT ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES
Pat Bily, Feb. 22, 2016

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?
To represent interests in conservation of natural areas and watersheds; specifically to have provisions to employ pesticides in a safe and responsible manner to protect our natural resources from invasives species. These ultimately threaten the integrity of our watersheds, resulting in reduced water quantity and undermining ability to store fresh water.
- (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?
By attending regular meetings and weighing in on issues which I have qualifications to vote on.
- (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've provided this information to the Board of Agriculture in the application 4 yrs ago and just months ago that relates 35 years' experience working with pesticides in the realms of agriculture, commercial landscape, and conservation land protection. My role at The Nature Conservancy is to train staff and ensure the utmost safety practices with any pesticide use we undertake. I have documents and protocols dating back to 1990 related to this, and wrote the pesticide-use section of TNCH's Safety Manual. Although we do not use Restricted Use Pesticides, I have had my certification for that category since 1982, as it is the only pesticide training the State has available. We hope that implies a knowledge of labelled uses and awareness of contamination risks for the low toxicity, low environmental fate products we do use. Every 5 years at least, I have interaction with HDOA Pesticide Enforcement Staff to ensure we are operating within standards.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
Contribute to a balanced view of pesticide use, with public education, health, and safety as priorities while enhancing agriculture and natural resource protection in Hawaii.
- (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?
Knowledgeable: Experienced with pesticides; **Cautious:** discreet with Pesticide use; **Forward Thinking:** aspiring toward integrated pest management to minimize pesticide use. I believe this would provide a balance and review before rushing toward pesticide solutions if other solutions are realistically available.
- (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Advisory Committee on Pesticides?

My experience being the Invasive Plant Specialist for The Nature Conservancy's Maui office for the last 26 years required much research on my part to ensure our chemical control of priority weeds was environmentally sound. You might consider this experience in the field of forest conservation. I may stand out as the only or one of the few on committee that has experience using pesticides in remote areas without the typical conveniences taken for granted with uses in other accessible sites.

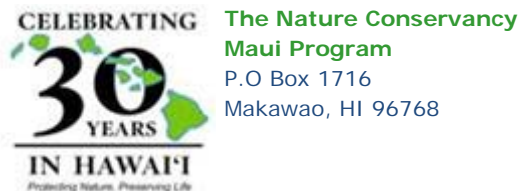
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not perceive any conflicts of interest, however my agency has a separate policy that would require my withdrawal if such conflicts arose. Abstaining from input or decisions would be prudent in the event of ANY conflict, because the 'perception' of conflict might be as damaging as the actual conflict.

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Teya Penniman	Maui Invasive Species Committee	Support	No

Comments: The Maui Invasive Species Committee strongly supports the nomination of Pat Bily to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. For more than 25 years, Mr. Bily has been a knowledgeable and respected resource on Maui and in the State of Hawaii for the safe and effective control of invasive plants using approved herbicides. He is also known and respected on an international level for his work on invasive plants. He works to stay abreast of changes in current methodologies and formulations and readily shares his knowledge with other professionals and members of the public. He has safely pioneered new approaches to controlling some of Hawaii's most intransigent weeds. He has demonstrated a keen sensitivity and commitment to using an integrated pest management approach, with use of pesticides as a last resort. We support approval of Pat Bily's nomination without reservation and urge a favorable vote on his confirmation. Teya M. Penniman, Manager Maui Invasive Species Committee

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Chris Brosius	West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership	Support	No

Comments: Mr. Pat Bily has been a trusted advisor of the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership since its inception in 1998. He has consistently maintained his knowledge of the appropriate use of herbicides and their use on invasive weed species to protect conservation areas. The use of these tools in critical watershed lands calls for prudent and strategic use. Mr. Bily has exhibited good judgement and care with herbicides and has a keen ability to share his knowledge with a wide array of cooperators who mutually respect his wisdom. We support his nomination.

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting GM 503 Gubernatorial Nominee Patrick Bily for
Consideration and Confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides
Senate Committee on Water, Land, & Agriculture
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The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports Patrick Bily's confirmation to the Department of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Pat has 35 years' experience working safely with pesticides in agriculture, commercial landscaping, and conservation land protection settings. One of Pat's primary roles at The Nature Conservancy, where he has worked since 1990, is to train Conservancy staff and ensure compliance, safety and the goal of minimizing pesticide use for control of invasive weeds in conservation.

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Supporting GM-503, relating to consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICK BILY, for a term to expire 06-30-2019
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture
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This letter serves as an authorization and recommendation from The Nature Conservancy's Hawai'i program for our Invasive Plant Specialist Patrick Bily to serve as a member of the Pesticide Advisory Committee to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 149A-51. Mr. Bily is well-known throughout Hawaii for his expertise in invasive plant control utilizing safe and effective herbicide application. In his work for The Nature Conservancy, Mr. Bily specializes in targeted, low-volume application of various pesticides for plants that threaten native forested watershed areas. Mr. Bily has also worked in landscaping and is well-versed in the proper and safe application of a myriad of pesticides for use in different landscapes and applications.

If you have any questions you may contact Mr. Bily directly on Maui at (808) 856-7665 or pbily@tnc.org, or Mark Fox with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii on Oahu at (808) 587-6234 or mfox@tnc.org.

Thank you very much for your consideration.



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