

# GM635

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Pest Control Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RODNEY ONO, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Pest Control Board

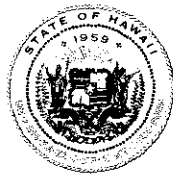
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March 14, 2016

Testimony of Rep. Clift Tsuji  
Before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Monday, March 14, 2016 9:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 229  
RE: GM635

Aloha Chair Baker and Committee Members:

Please accept my support for Mr. Rodney Ono's nomination to the State's Pest Control Board (Board). With his education and extensive work history, I believe that Rodney is someone who will bring significant benefit to this Board.

Mr. Ono has over 40 years of experience working in the pest control industry and in the private sector, and has held a variety of positions. His degree in entomology helped him advance to become the President and owner of Hilo Termite and Pest Control. This local business is a well-known and reputable one, which has serviced the Big Island for decades.

This individual has distinguished himself in his professional field. The prospect of what he could further accomplish serving on the Board is a point worthy of consideration. I humbly ask that you give positive consideration to Mr. Ono's nomination.

Sincerely,

CLIFT TSUJI

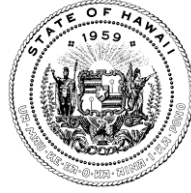
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TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2016

Monday, March 14, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 635.**

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

My name is May Ferrer and I am the Executive Officer for the Pest Control Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 635, regarding the **reappointment** of Rodney Ono to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Mr. Ono's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Mr. Ono is an entomologist and has been licensed as a pest control operator since January 16, 1985. His license is current, active, and in good standing.

Mr. Ono was first appointed as an interim industry member to the Board on July 2, 2012. He has attended 16 of the 20 meetings scheduled since his appointment. His participation during Board meetings demonstrates that he is prepared for the matters

that are on the Board's agendas and is prepared to devote additional time outside of Board meetings to carry out his Board responsibilities. The valuable insight that he has gained over his years of experience as a licensed pest control operator, his interest in serving on the Board, and his desire to serve the community contributes to the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs supports the confirmation of Mr. Ono's reappointment to the Pest Control Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

March 10, 2016

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker:

My Name is Rodney N. Ono and I have been nominated by Governor David Ige to serve on the Pest Control Board. I would like to thank the Governor for this nomination.

I wish to become a member of the Pest Control Board so I can serve the people of Hawaii in dealing with matters concerning any pest control issues. It would be an honor to serve of this Board.

As a member of the Pest Control Board your responsibilities are to use your knowledge of pest control wisely, be fair in judgment and to serve the people of Hawaii.

I am the owner of Hilo Termite & Pest Control, Ltd. On the Big Island of Hawaii. I have been doing this kind of work for over 30 years. I also have a Bachelor's of Science in entomology from University of Hawaii Manoa. With my work experience and entomology degree I think I am capable of making any decisions dealing with any pest control issues.

What I hope to accomplish here is to become a respected member of the Pest Control Board. This would be a major accomplishment for me.

Three qualities that describe me would be honesty, fairness and my knowledge of the pest control to help others. These qualities will benefit this Board.

I have been a member of the Hawaii Pest Control Association for a long time now.

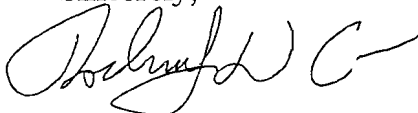
I am also Past President. Being in the Association keeps me informed of the new laws and other things associated with pest control. I think this will be beneficial to me as a Board Member.

I see no possible conflict of interest at present, but who knows what the future holds. If a conflict should arise I will abide to what is fair to everyone involved.

In closing I would like to thank the committee for giving me this opportunity.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney N. Ono', written in a cursive style.

Rodney N. Ono