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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

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**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 827
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JASON MISAKI, FOR
A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2021**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 827, submitting for consideration and confirmation as a member on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Jason Misaki, a representative from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The Department would like to express its strong support for Mr. Misaki's nomination.

Mr. Misaki currently serves on the Pesticide Advisory Board. He has over 10 years of experience working with the Department of Land and Natural Resources. He currently is serving as the Wildlife Program Manager for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Mr. Misaki provides a unique perspective to the Pesticide Advisory Board with his many years of experience in conservation and natural resources. He would serve as a good conduit on information sharing between the natural resources community, the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture Pesticide Branch on regulatory issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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Senator Gabbard,

Thank you for considering my nomination for the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. As a member of this Advisory Committee for the past year, I have been very involved in the ongoing issues regarding pesticide use in Hawaii. I wish to continue my service, as it is important that I have input in these potentially serious issues. Please see information below to justify this nomination.

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

I hope to advocate for the ethical use and decision making process regarding potential issues related to pesticides in Hawaii.

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

As a member of the conservation community, the input that I can provide regarding use and approval of new pesticides can bring new perspectives to ensure all effects are considered.

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 have years of experience managing Wildlife Sanctuaries, Forest Reserves, Game Management Areas, and Seabird Sanctuaries. Pesticides, when used properly, have greatly enhanced our ability to combat invasive weeds. I have also taken many courses and attended workshops to identify and assist with large scale wildlife die off events caused by misuse of pesticides. During the classes and workshops, we learned to identify

causes and gather evidence related to misuse of pesticides. I have been a Wildlife Biologist for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) for about 12 years.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

As a member of the Advisory Committee, I hope to advocate for both the protection of wildlife and the enhancement of their habitats.

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?

In my years of experience, I have learned: to work with all types of personalities, think critically, and follow through on all projects, large or small. These qualities have greatly fortified my decision-making process, ensuring that all action is best for the resource we are trying to manage.

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

I have a lot of field work experience using herbicides and pesticides. When used properly, they can be an extremely effective tool. I have worked with personnel from both State and Federal Agencies to ensure practices and applications are up to current standards and regulations.

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 see any major conflict of issues; if any arise, I am confident that I will be transparent and separate myself from the particular issue.

Should you have any questions please call me at (808) 295-5896

Sincerely,



Jason Misaki