

Testimony of the Pest Control Board

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 540, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE PEST CONTROL BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JULIAN YATES III,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-20-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lei Ana Green, and I am the Executive Officer of the Pest Control Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Julian Yates' reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Dr. Yates was appointed to the Board as a public member on July 1, 2016, and he has attended 19 out of 22 meetings since his appointment. Dr. Yates is an extension specialist in urban entomology and served as an ex-officio member of the Board for 23 years before retiring from the University of Hawaii's Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

With an extensive background in termite research and education, and with many years as an active and contributing member of the Board, Dr. Yates continues to bring his invaluable insight, knowledge, and experience in many aspects related to pest control, including the regulation of pest control professionals. Dr. Yates is a reliable member who comes to board meetings prepared to discuss matters on the agenda. His interest in serving on the Board and his desire to contribute to the community will continue to greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE
Executive Director

Subject: GM 540 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Pest Control Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JULIAN YATES III, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association and we would like to submit testimony in support of the re-nomination of Dr. Julian Yates III for a position on the Pest Control Board.

Dr. Yates holds a public member seat and we find that only appropriate since in his prior capacity at the University of Hawaii he often times interacted with consumers on their various pest control problems. As an entomologist, Dr. Yates is very familiar and knowledgeable in problems, issues and solutions of the pest control industry.

Over the years he has been a valuable asset to the Pest Control Board, particularly as it relates to representing the consumer side of the issues brought before the Pest Control Board. In that regard then, we can highly recommend the re-nomination of Dr. Yates.

Thank you.

GM-540

Submitted on: 3/3/2020 6:34:53 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/4/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wesley Otani	Testifying for Pest Control Industry	Support	No

Comments:

I support Julian Yates to be part of the Pest Control Board. His knowledge and history in the pest control industry will help the board in giving valuable insight from the academic perspective.

GM-540

Submitted on: 3/2/2020 9:55:00 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/4/2020 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
J. Kenneth Grace	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health. I wish to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 540, confirming Dr. Julian R. Yates III to membership on the Pest Control Board.

Dr. Yates is widely recognized as an expert on termite and structural pest control, and has decades of experience training pest control professionals, and in service as a member of the Pest Control Board. Prior to his retirement from the University of Hawaii, Dr. Yates served as the University's representative on the Board, and following his retirement he was confirmed as a public member. I had the pleasure of serving with Dr. Yates on the Pest Control Board for two years, and I can certainly attest to both his expertise and his diligence as a member of the Board.

I urge you to SUPPORT GM 540 and the nomination of Dr. Yates. Mahalo for your consideration.

Testimony for GM540

I highly recommend the confirmation of **Dr. Julian R. Yates, III** to the State of Hawaii Pest Control Board. Dr. Yates has more than 40 years as a researcher and extension specialist in urban pest management specializing on termites in Hawaii, including the most destructive Formosan subterranean termite. Dr. Yates is the most knowledgeable on the biology, ecology and control of termites and other urban pests in Hawaii. He has discovered and developed effective non-chemical and chemical controls against termites in Hawaii that has saved millions of dollars to homes and buildings in Hawaii. Dr. Yates will contribute to the Pest Control Board by advising sound decisions to assure an effective, honest and sustainable pest control industry in Hawaii. As a Professor Emeritus at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), Department of Plant and Environmental Protection, and colleague, I decisively endorse the appointment of Dr. Yates to the Pest Control Board.

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