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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**MAY 13, 2020  
1:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 016**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 568 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL  
NOMINEE, ARNOLD HARA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 568. This measure seeks to confirm Arnold Hara to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Hara has been serving on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides since 2015 and has proven to be an important voice from the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation. His expertise is derived from his professional career as an ornamental entomologist focusing on the development of pest management programs for tropical floricultural crops, including anthuriums, orchids, flowering gingers, birds of paradise, heliconia, protea and foliage plants. Dr. Hara also develops integrated pest management for new invasive pests in the tropical landscapes. His experience is critical and a true benefit for the State of Hawaii as a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**GM-568**

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Testimony for AEN on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Gottlieb	Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

Comments:



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May 13, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**TESTIMONY ON GM 568**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Gubernatorial Nominee, ARNOLD HARA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Room 016  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau strongly supports the nomination of Dr. Arnold Hara as a member of 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.

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

**From:** [County Farm Bureau](#)  
**To:** [AEN Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support GM568  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 3:20:05 PM

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Mahalo!

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**GM 568, Arnold Hara  
Advisory Committee on Pesticides  
Senate AEN Committee  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
1:00 pm  
Conference Room 016**

**Written Testimony by: Larry Jeffs  
Position: Support**

Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Senate AEN Committee:

I am Larry Jeffs, owner and operator of Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC, which is part of our family-run business of farms on Oahu and Molokai, under the administrative umbrella of Sugarland Growers, Inc. We have more than 35 years of Hawaii farm experience on Molokai and Oahu. I am a volunteer director for the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). I am also the Treasurer for the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Your support and confirmation of Arnold Hara to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides is requested.

Arnold Hara is a well-respected, credible scientist and problem solver for agriculture's management of pests and invasive species. His educational background includes a BS, MS, and PhD in Entomology, with emphasis on integrating invasive pest management using both pesticides and nonchemical control strategies.

Of note, he is very familiar with the Hawaii Pesticide Law through his training and as a qualified Category 10 licensee. This supplements his knowledge of the law with the actual application of the law. His education, training and experience makes Arnold Hara well qualified to advise the Pesticide Branch on registering safer new alternatives that are a critical part of the farmer's toolbox for pest management.

Thank you for your consideration of support for Arnold Hara.

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J Ashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kalani	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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Matt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As owner of Performance Landscapes, we continually look for guidance on the safe and effective use of pesticides for our staff and clients. As Committee Chair of the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii's pesticide training committee, I see this need in the landscape industry, farming and the community in general. I took courses from Dr. Hara, and he has been a valuable resource volunteering for the LICH pesticide training committee.

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Nicole K Galase	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Weidenbach	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Testimony for AEN on 5/13/2020 1:00:00 PM

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Alan Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**From:** [Roy Asao](#)  
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Mahalo!

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**From:** [Ron Kauha'aha'a](#)  
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [James Fang](#)  
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## **Arnold Hara**

### Testimony for the Confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides

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

I wish to become a member of the Pesticide Committee because of my extensive experience with pesticides as a Professor, Researcher and Extension Specialist at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources for over 35 years. This background will enable me to give sound advise to the Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Branch on all aspects of pesticide regulation and the safe and effective use of pesticides in the State of Hawaii.

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

My role and responsibilities are to provide administrators and managers of the Pesticide Branch with advise that assures the safe and effective use of pesticides to control serious invasive pests that negatively impact agriculture, the environment, animal and human health.

(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 received my Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Entomology from University of Hawaii at Manoa, and completed by Doctor of Philosophy in Entomology with a minor in nematology from the University of California-Davis in 1982. I served the State of Hawaii for over 37 years as a Professor of Entomology managing and eradicating destructive invasive species with safe and effective pesticides and nonchemical controls.

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

With my extensive educational background and experience with pesticides, I will be able to give accurate advise and assist the Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Branch in developing or revising laws and rules for the safe and effective use of pesticides in the State of Hawaii by commercial pesticide applicators, farmers and ranchers with no negative

effects on our fragile native environment and the health of our residents and visitors of 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?

1. Being born, raised, educated and employed in Hawaii, I truly understand the negative effects of invasive species in Hawaii and the enormous need for safe and effective pesticides to manage these invasive species. I will provide the Advisory Committee with decisions that assure effective use of pesticides with no negative effects of the flora and fauna of Hawaii.

2. With my education and experience, I am very knowledgeable of the Hawaii Pesticide Laws and the rules and regulations of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I will be able to advise the Department on assuring that decisions are following all county, state, and federal pesticide rules and regulations.

3. I held a Commercial Applicator Certification in Category 10, Demonstration, Research and Instructional Pest Control and have submitted numerous Emergency Use Permit (EUP) and Special Local Need (SLN) registrations. I have generated many efficacy and phytotoxicity data for insecticides to support national and supplemental labels, and special local need registrations in the State of Hawaii. With my extensive experience with the safe and effective use of pesticides, in Hawaii, I will be able to provide the most sound advice to the committee.

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

I have worked closely and directly with the manager and staff of the Pesticide Branch on pesticide registrations and pesticide label interpretation. The committee will benefit from my experience with the Pesticide Branch by providing advice that assures proper decisions in pesticide regulations by the Pesticide Branch.

(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 conflict of interests in serving on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.