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

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CONFERENCE ROOM 224 AND VIDEOCONFERENCE

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 654

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Gubernatorial Nominee, TROY SAKIHARA, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 654. This measure seeks to confirm Troy Sakihara to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides to fill the vacant Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) seat. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Sakihara is currently on staff at the DLNR as an Aquatic Biologist. Mr. Sakihara is familiar with pesticides from his work investigating several stream poisoning incidents on the Big Island which involved large scale prawn kills using insecticides. Mr. Sakihara and other DLNR staff worked with our Pesticides Branch staff to provide enough data and information to allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to assess a \$600,000 fine, the largest fine ever for an aquatic resource violation.

Mr. Sakihara has authored and co-authored many peer reviewed primary literature articles and will provide that type of critical thinking and level of detail to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Mr. Sakihara's current and previous education and employment provides a solid understanding of ecology, biology, chemistry, and physics. Science-based decision making is key to protecting Hawaii and his education and experience would be a great asset to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony for AEN on 4/11/2022 1:00:00 PM

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Comments:

Support Troy. Just wanted to ask a question also. Who is representing residents that are being affected/impacted by pesticide?