

**Testimony of the Pest Control Board**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Friday, March 1, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 519, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE PEST CONTROL BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOHN SPEED,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole 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 reappointment of Mr. John Speed as a licensee member. Mr. Speed was first appointed to the Board on July 1, 2021.

Mr. Speed has been licensed as a pest control operator in Hawaii since September 18, 2002, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. Since 2004, Mr. Speed has owned and run a termite and general pest control company in Kailua.

Mr. Speed has attended eleven (11) of the twelve (12) scheduled meetings since his initial appointment to the Board. In addition to serving as an industry member, he has served as Vice Chairperson of the Board since May 23, 2022, and as Chairperson of the Board since November 20, 2023, as well as serving as the Board's Legislative Liaison. His professional experience in the pest control industry adds great value to Board discussions and the review of applications for licensure. His active participation in board meetings and his desire to continue to serve on the Board greatly enhances the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Testimony To: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE  
Executive Director

Subject: GM 519 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Pest Control Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN SPEED, for a term to expire 06-30-2027.

Chair Keohokalole 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 this nominee.

We find that Mr. Speed has been a participating member of the Board and on various occasions has added substantial thoughts and comments to the Board as they deliberated a variety of issues from the pest control operator's perspective. However at the same time, we found his remarks to be balanced and certainly not biased towards the pest control operator but rather one that seemed to achieve the overall goal of consumer protection.

Based on the above, we can highly recommend the re-nomination of Mr. John Speed.

Thank you.