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OBJECTIVE

To serve on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides to help ensure that human health and the environment are protected through well-considered recommendations to the Department of Agriculture on pest management and pesticide use.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hawaii Farm Bureau

2008 to present

- Assists the local non-profit organization in serving the diverse Hawai'i agricultural community by helping all types and sizes of farmers and ranchers statewide on issues related to environmental stewardship, pesticides, invasive species, land use, conservation, agricultural crimes, endangered species, water, and other matters integral to continued farm viability.
- Works with HFB Executive Director to provide information and analysis relating to Hawai'i's agricultural issues and to identify solutions that can protect and enhance natural resource quality while maintaining agricultural production.
- Collaborates with administrative agencies and the University of Hawai'i CTAHR on agricultural and environmental issues.
- Consults and partners with other agriculture-related organizations to coordinate efforts to assist farmers and ranchers.
- Coordinates with American Farm Bureau Federation on national areas of interest to Hawai'i agriculture.
- Collaborates with administration and farmers to facilitate the unwanted/expired/legacy pesticide disposal program

Hawaii Agriculture Research Center

1996– 2008 Environmental Specialist

Assisted the agricultural community with environmental regulatory compliance. Provided technical assistance, regulatory interpretation, and training. Conducted facility inspections to verify compliance with regulatory requirements. Collaborated with agricultural commodity groups, the public, and State administrative agencies to develop scientifically sound and effective environmental policies and to assist in rule development. Coordinated and presented agricultural producers' input to environmental regulatory and legislative proposals. Served on various State technical and advisory committees. Assisted in HARC quality assurance unit to review pesticide registration studies for EPA Good Laboratory Practices submissions.

Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association

1989 – 1996 Environmental Specialist team member to internationally recognized research association dedicated to improving the sugar industry in Hawai'i through research in, among other areas; weed science, pest- and disease-resistant varieties, identification and introduction of biological controls/natural enemies to control insect pests, and identification of pesticides to control weeds and seed rotting diseases.

Coordinated environmental research and other projects. Monitored and communicated significant information to the Hawai'i sugar industry on federal, state, and local environmental, safety, and health laws and regulations including issues involving water, air, solid and hazardous waste, emergency response, pesticides, and toxic materials.

Initiated, supervised and performed industrial hygiene and environmental monitoring to ensure compliance with environmental, safety and health laws and regulations. Arranged for analysis of contaminants in various environmental media. Assisted the sugar plantations in setting up regulatory compliance programs.

Evaluated legislative matters relevant to agriculture. Assisted in coordinating, preparing and presenting agriculture response to legislative and regulatory proposals.

Conducted environmental training for plantation employees.

Teacher, Hawai'i Department of Education, 1986-1989

Law Clerk to the Honorable Edward H. Nakamura, Hawai'i Supreme Court, 1982

Family-owned small farm cultivating orchard crops and raising goats

2008 - present

EDUCATION

J.D., Richardson School of Law; University of Hawai'i

B.A., Zoology; University of Hawai'i Mānoa

FDA Good Laboratory Practices Training

EPA Worker Protection Standard Training

EPA Asbestos Contractor/Supervisor

EPA Asbestos Inspector

EPA Asbestos Project Manager

UH Master Gardener

COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY GROUPS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (present and past)

- Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Hawai'i Department of Agriculture
- Hawai'i Pesticide Drift Monitoring Study Advisory Committee, University of Hawai'i
- Local Food Coalition, Ulupono Initiative
- Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species, a multi-agency/NGO partnership project of the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit of the University of Hawai'i
- Hawai'i Farm Bureau Federation
 - Commodities Advisory Group
 - Environmental Stewardship Committee Co-Chair
- Advisory Council on Food Protection Practices, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Environmental Management Advisory Group, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Goals and Objectives Committee, Hawai'i Department of Health
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish Habitat Partnership
- Agricultural Air Quality Task Force, federal advisory committee, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Natural Resource Conservation Service

- Hawai'i State Technical Committee, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Air Advisory Group, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Alternatives to Cane Burning Committee, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Asbestos Rules Advisory Committee, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Polluted Runoff Forum Committee, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Source Water Assessment Program Committee, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Stream Protection and Management Working Group, Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources
- Water Quality Standards Technical Advisory Group, Hawai'i Department of Health
- West Maui Watershed Advisory Group, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Water Reuse Committee, Hawai'i Department of Health
- Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District
- National and Hawai'i Associations of Environmental Professionals
- Hawai'i Island Agricultural Theft Task Force
- O'ahu Agriculture Security Watch
- Hawaii State Bar Association
 - Hawaii State Bar Association, Natural Resource Section
 - Hawaii State Bar Association, Elder Law Section

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