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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 532

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides,
Gubernatorial Nominee, NICHOLAS TESTA, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 532. This measure seeks to confirm Nicholas Testa to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Mr. Testa has served in an interim capacity on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and has provided thoughtful and balanced insight from a pest control operator's perspective. Mr. Testa is both the Trainer and Compliance Officer and Special Service Manager at Aloha Termite and Pest Control. In those roles Mr. Testa provides trainings and classes to pest control technicians to ensure comprehension and compliance with Hawai'i's pesticide laws.

Mr. Testa would be a valuable addition to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and the Department requests the concurrence of the Senate to assist the Department in pesticide-related discussions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

