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Testimony



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TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 30

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 30, submitting for consideration and confirmation as a member on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, L. DOUGLAS MACCLUER. The Department would like to express its strong support for Mr. MacCluer's nomination. He would serve as the representative from the Pineapple Industry.

Mr. MacCluer is currently the Co-Founder and Director at Haliimaile Pineapple Company, Ltd in Haliimaile, Maui. Prior to this position Mr. MacCluer served 39 years with Maui Pineapple Company Ltd., working in a variety of roles, ranging from supervisor to plantation manager and retiring as Vice-President in the Agricultural Business Development Department.

He has also served as a consultant in pineapple operations in Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Mexico and South Africa

In addition to his vast exposure in the pineapple industry, Mr. MacCluer is a diversified farmer with over 40 years' experience in Hawaii, involving livestock, poultry, nursery and in row crops, such as raspberries and asparagus.

His professional activities include serving as a member on the Hawaii Board of Agriculture, Maui Economic Development Water Committee, Upcountry Water Advisory Committee, and Maui County Farm Bureau and as past chair with the Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers, Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District, Pineapple Growers Association of Hawaii-Legislative Committee, Ulupalakua Agriculture Foundation, and Maui Drought Committee.

Mr. MacCluer's background has provided him with a good understanding of the agricultural industry and ability to analyze how these operations can be affected by regulatory changes. He will be a good asset to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.





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OCTOBER 31, 2013

HEARING BEFORE
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON
GM 30 GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES
L. DOUGLAS MACCLUER

Room 225, 9:00 AM
Position: Strong Support

Chair Nishihara and Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

I am Dean Okimoto, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,950 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

We voice strong support for L. Douglas MacCluer, gubernatorial nominee to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. For more than 45 years, Doug MacCluer has been an integral part of Hawaii agriculture as a diversified agriculture farmer working with UH-CTAHR, Department of Agriculture and other commodity groups. As the former Maui Pineapple Company's plantation manager of 25 years, he was directly responsible for pesticide application as well as disposing of pesticide containers.

He currently is on the Board of Directors of the Maui Gold Pineapple Company, LTD as well as on the Maui County Farm Bureau Board, Chairman of the Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District, and is a long-time member of the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

Hawaii is fortunate that someone like Doug MacCluer, with his first hand knowledge of farming and safe pesticide applications, is willing to volunteer and share his expertise at this time when less than 2% of the nation's population are involved with agriculture and are not familiar with the need for pesticides and its safe application.

Your consideration of his appointment is requested. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

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Hawaii's Agricultural Partnerships	4 Ag Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Doug is very knowledgeable in Hawaii Agriculture and would bring a balanced perspective to the commission. 4 Ag Hawaii is a non-profit 501[c] [3] Hawaii corporation established as a public-private partnership focused on goals that include: promoting the agricultural economic welfare of Hawai'i and its counties

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Brendan Balthazar	Maui Cattlemens Assn.	Support	No

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Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

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james Kimo Falconer	MauiGrown Coffee, Inc	Support	No

Comments: Please support Mr MacCluer as nominated. Mahalo James Kimo Falconer President MauiGrown Coffee, Inc.

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Working with you to achieve your organization's mission and public policy goals

Testimony by: Joy Gold
GM 30, L. Douglas MacCluer, Pesticides Advisory Committee
Senate AGL Committee
Thursday, October 31, 2013
9:00 am – Room 225

Position: Strong Support

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Kouchi and Members of the AGL Committee:

My name is Joy Gold, President of Joy Gold Unlimited, providing services to help organizations achieve its mission and public policy goals for more than 15 years.

In 1996 through 2004, Doug MacCluer and I worked together for policy changes that supported Hawaii's agriculture industry and the pineapple industry. As a lobby team, we spent many hours at the Capitol. During that time, I got to know Doug very well.

Doug MacCluer is well suited to serve on the Pesticides Advisory Committee. He has a very broad knowledge base of agriculture, ranging from livestock farming, poultry, vegetable crops, fruit trees and of course, pineapple. He knows first-hand of the challenges that farmers face, and understands the need for safe pesticide applications as well as increasing the accessibility of Hawaii crops to approved pesticides; Hawaii crops are considered minor crops that are not often included in national pesticide registration.

He is the farmer's farmer, and one who is so committed to farming and Hawaii agriculture that in his retirement, he is busier than ever serving on various agriculture-related committees. For example, he is active with the Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers, serving as past president, serves on the Board of Directors of the Maui Gold Pineapple Company, and Chair of the Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District.

Hawaii's agriculture industry will be well served by Doug MacCluer's confirmation to the Pesticides Advisory Committee. He brings to the Advisory Committee knowledge about agriculture pesticides, a very strong network within the agriculture community and input as needed, love of and desire for Hawaii's agriculture to thrive.

Your support of Doug MacCluer's confirmation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Alex Franco	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Moniz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of the confirmation of Douglas Maccluer to the advisory Committee on Pesticides.

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Phyllis S. Geiser	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the confirmation of L. Douglas MacCluer (GM30).

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Michael Bryan	Individual	Support	No

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greg heyd	Individual	Support	No

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Kenneth Findeisen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Doug Maccluer for the advisory committee on pesticides. Doug has the experience as an agribusiness farmer and small farmer. He is knowledgeable, a clear thinker, and committed to seeing responsible agriculture succeed in Hawaii.

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Warren Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

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Jeffrey Peterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of Mr. Douglas Maccluer appointment. The state would greatly benefit with Mr. Douglas Maccluer's years of experience and common sense.

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George Wood	Individual	Support	No

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Mae Nakahata	Individual	Support	No

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Jimmy Gomes	Individual	Support	No

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