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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

JULY 1, 2020 12:30 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 224

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 816 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TAMMY MURRAY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Governor's Message No. 816. This measure seeks to confirm Tammy Murray to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Ms. Murray's expertise is derived from her professional career as the co-owner of Aloha Termite & Pest Control. As part of the Hawaii Pest Control Association she has extensive knowledge of the pest control business. She has over 18 years of experience in the termite and pest control industry, including experience with the use, application, and regulation of pesticides in Hawai'i. Ms. Murray has previously served as a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides from 2017 to present. Her experience is critical and will be a true benefit for the State of Hawaii as a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



<u>**GM-816**</u> Submitted on: 6/30/2020 10:57:03 AM

Testimony for AEN on 7/1/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



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July 1, 2020

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE

Executive Director

Subject: GM 816 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the

Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Gubernatorial Nominee, TAMMY

MURRAY, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association and we support this nomination.

Tammy Murray has been the chief driving force behind Aloha Termite and Pest Control for at least the last decade. As such she has also served in a variety of industry positions in our Association as Chair of a variety of Committees and has served as President of our statewide Association. The Association is composed of over 85 structural pest control operators from throughout the State and it is our members that provide services to homeowners and others for termite, centipede, spiders, ants, rodents and other structural pest control services.

In her capacity she has shown a great deal of leadership and the ability to wade through a variety of differing opinions and help the group arrive at a consensus. We believe it is that kind of talent that will serve her well on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and as such, we respectfully request your advise and consent for this nomination.

Thank you.

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Testimony for AEN on 7/1/2020 12:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch Limited	Support	No

Comments:

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Senator Mike Gabbard Chair, Agriculture and Environment Committee Hawaii State Capital, Room 201 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Advisory Committee on Pesticides

During my first appointment as a member to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides I have learned the importance of the committees' role on pesticides needs and use in Hawaii and wish to remain on the committee to aide in this process.

As an owner of a termite and pest control business we do fall into the category of being in the pesticide industry therefore I feel my role and responsibility on the committee very important as a whole because I would be representing our industry and would have the ability in keeping the members of the Hawaii Pest Control Association abreast to the ever changing regulations, rules, laws, etc...

I have been in the termite and pest control industry since 1989 since then on a daily basis I deal with many people with an array of problems regarding pests and pesticides as well as explaining the pros and cons of pesticide and non pesticide use, because of this I do understand the concerns of the pest control industry as well as the public and feel that would be important input to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Being a member on the committee helps me to accomplish further knowledge and understanding of the ever changing pesticide issues that arise as well as help in the decisions that are made on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

I feel my strongest quality is the ability to listen and understand all sides of any situation before coming to any type of conclusion. I always keep an open mind and am not afraid of change and enjoy helping in making changes if they are in the betterment of the situation. I am definitely an optimist and try to find a solution fitting for those involved.

I have served 3 terms as the President on the board for the Hawaii Pest Control Association and currently remain a board member. This does give me the ability

to help the committee in resolving any issues that may arise in the termite and pest control industry.

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest, however should such arise I would have to weigh the options of what is best for the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and remove myself if needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Tammy Murray

Owner

Aloha Termite & Pest Control