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TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024
2:15 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 & VIDEOCONFERENCE

GOVERNORS MESSAGE NO. 646

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, Gubernatorial Nominee, Qing Li, 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. 646. This measure seeks to confirm Dr. Qing Li to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides to fill the vacant College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) seat. The Department of Agriculture strongly supports this measure.

Dr. Li is currently on faculty staff at the CTAHR at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Dr. Li is familiar with pesticides from his work for the Pesticides Branch over the last 20 years. Dr. Li has collaborated with the Department of Agriculture through various scientific projects in the past such as previous pesticide drift monitoring projects. Dr. Li is also the principal investigator for CTAHR in collaboration with the Department specifically for groundwater modeling of new active ingredients and a statewide drift monitoring project. Dr. Li possesses a thorough scientific understanding of relevant environmental issues and would be unbiased in his advisory of important pesticide issues.



Dr. Li has previously served on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and understands the role and capacity of a committee member. He would be a valuable asset to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides based on his long track record of experience, training, scientific background, and knowledge.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify in strong support.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**TESTIMONY ON
GM 646**

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Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference
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Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB) strongly supports the confirmation of Dr. Li to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, representing the University of Hawai'i. Dr. Li collaborates with scientists all over the world and will bring an invaluable perspective to the Committee with his vast knowledge and experience in research studies regarding pesticide residue, drift, and groundwater, as well as food safety.

As a former member of the Committee years ago, Dr. Li helped the team make well-reasoned recommendations by facilitating their understanding of the complicated chemistry and biology of potential pesticide effects on human and environmental health. He has conducted extensive pesticide monitoring projects and has worked alongside the Pesticide Branch of the Department of Agriculture to assist them in the development of rigorous regulatory policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for the nomination and confirmation of Dr. Li.

GM-646

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Testimony for AEN on 4/15/2024 2:15:00 PM

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Comments:

Strong support

Personal Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Monday, April 15, 2024 at 2:15 pm

By
Parwinder Grewal, Dean
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

GM 646 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, QING LI
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028.

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards and members of the Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Environment:

My name is Parwinder Grewal, and I serve as Dean of the University of Hawai'i Mānoa
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR). Thank you for the
opportunity to provide personal testimony in strong support of GM 646 Dr. Qing Li for
consideration and confirmation as the representative from the University of Hawai'i
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) to the Department of
Agriculture Advisory Committee on Pesticides, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to advise and assist the department in
developing or revising laws and rules to carry out and effectuate the purposes of the
Hawai'i Pesticides Law and advising the department of pesticides problems. Dr. Qing Li
is highly qualified in agricultural and environmental chemistry and he has served as a
member of the Advisory Committee for many years as a toxicology subject matter
expert. Dr. Li has professional experience with ground water review and drift monitoring
matters and Dr. Li has expressed his interest to continue to assist the department's
Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

In summary, I strongly support the nomination of GM 646 Dr. Qing Li and I respectfully
request the committee's recommendation to advise and consent. Thank you for the
opportunity to submit testimony.