

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3844

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 615

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 615, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDES

G.M. No. 615      MATTHEW LYUM  
for a term to expire 06-30-2029,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Matthew Lyum for service on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Matthew Lyum from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Brendon Lau Agricultural, LLC; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; National Association of Landscape Professionals; Simonpietri Enterprises LLC; Sperber Landscape Companies; and three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Lyum's background and dedication to serving the public qualify him to be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides as a landscape professional member. Your Committee notes that Mr. Lyum has been the owner of Performance Landscapes since 2002 and the owner of Erosion Control Specialists LLC since 2013. Mr. Lyum and additionally works as a Principal for M.L.C. International LLC, where he serves as a technical consultant for organic waste

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management operations and sustainable technologies. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Lyum is an active member in his profession, and is currently the President of the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii, where he regularly fosters productive dialogue between a wide range of stakeholders, including contractors, arborists, pesticide applicators, nurseries, landscape architects, researchers, and golf course operators. Additionally, Mr. Lyum was recognized as an industry leader by the National Association of Landscape Professionals in March 2024 and was selected to represent the profession at the Hawai'i Strategy for Pesticide Consultation Workshop hosted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Your Committee finds that Mr. Lyum has served previous terms on the Advisory Committee on Pesticides and his extensive experience in professional landscaping will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the committee. Your Committee therefore recommends that Matthew Lyum be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Pesticides based on his knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,

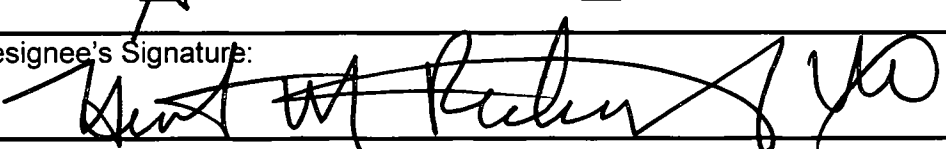


MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>GM615</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN</b>	Date: <b>3-4-2026</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345			
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
GABBARD, Mike (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DECOITE, Lynn				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RHOADS, Karl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
AWA, Brenton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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