

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3141

H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 3141
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL SPECIALISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve delivery of quality
dental-specialty care in rural, underserved areas of the state by
authorizing the licensure by credentials of dental specialists who
are licensed in another state.

Numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The
Hawaii Dental Association and several concerned individuals
opposed this measure. The Board of Dental Examiners (Board)
submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

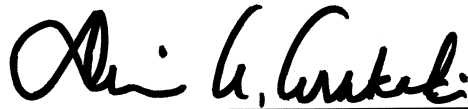
- (1) Replacing the provisions specifying licensing of dental
specialists with provisions for issuance of a community
service license that will be issued to a dental
specialist with licensure from another state if the
dental specialist works in a federally qualified health
center, native Hawaiian health systems center, or a
private practice located in geographic communities in
underserved areas as defined by the Hawaii Primary Care
Association;



- (2) Prohibiting persons who have failed to pass the dentistry licensure examination from having the benefit of a community service license;
- (3) Mandating participation in a formal and ongoing clinical quality assurance program;
- (4) Providing for an annual review and reauthorization by the Board;
- (5) Enumerating circumstances under which the community service license is revoked; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3141, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3141, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



