

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 16, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2226

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred S.B. No. 2226 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to continue efforts to increase the availability of dental care providers in rural and other underserved areas of the state by making the community service dentist and dental hygienist licensing law permanent.

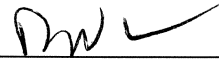
The Department of Health, Board of Dental Examiners, Bay Clinic, Inc., Hamakua Health Center, Inc., Hawaii Dental Association, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i, and Kalihi-Palama Health Center supported this bill.

Your Committee finds that the community service license is working well to recruit dental care providers for clinics in underserved areas. Since the law was adopted in 2004, 17 community service licenses have been issued, and there are additional pending applications.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2226 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



