

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3261
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 3261, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase the availability of good dental care by allowing the Board of Dental Examiners to grant licenses to qualified applicants who have not taken and passed the American Board of Dental Examiners examination.

Numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Board of Dental Examiners and a concerned individual supported this measure with an amendment. The Hawaii Dental Association and numerous concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring that the qualified applicant have a minimum of 1,000 hours of dentistry practice in the dental specialty for at least five years of lawful practice within a seven-year period;



- (2) Allowing a qualified applicant to receive credit for two of the five years of lawful practice if the applicant has completed a specialty residence training program accredited by the American Dental Association on Dental Accreditation; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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 S.B. No. 3261, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3261, S.D. 1, 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



