

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2226

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing, 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 measure is to make the establishment of a community service license for dentists permanent, by deleting the sunset date adopted in Act 166, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004.

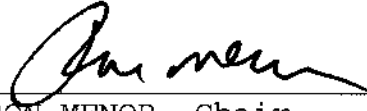
Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Health, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Hawaii Dental Association, the Hawaii Medical Service Association, the Hawaii Primary Care Association, Ho`ola Lahui Hawai`i, Kokua Kalihi Valley, Kalihi-Palama Health Center, Hamakua Health Center, Inc., Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and Bay Clinic, Inc.

Your Committee finds that community service licensure has successfully provided professionally competent, licensed dental professionals willing to work in eligible dental clinic sites in the most needy and underserved communities. As there is both continued interest and a need for this program, it should be made permanent.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing 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 Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Housing,



RON MENOR, Chair



