

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1473**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 548,  
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Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 548 and 549, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

G.M. No. 548 WAYNE S. ATEBARA,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2012; and

G.M. No. 549 ROBERT G. SHERMAN,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2013,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Wayne S. Atebara from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Protection. A written statement and curriculum vitae were received from the nominee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Robert G. Sherman from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and six private citizens. A written statement and curriculum vitae were received from the nominee.

Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that Dr. Wayne S. Atebara has been in private practice as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon for fifteen years. In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Atebara also



actively participates in professional organizations, including serving as a Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) and serving on ABOMS committees dealing with education, training, and professional qualifications. Your Committee finds that this experience makes this nominee a uniquely qualified candidate for the Board. Your Committee further finds that this nominee has demonstrated an interest in professional and community service through volunteer activities including service on several committees of Hilo Medical Center and St. John's Mercy Medical Center.

Your Committee finds that Dr. Robert G. Sherman has extensive experience in both clinical and academic dentistry, including the supervision and management of United States Navy dental clinics and innovative programs to provide mobile dental care. This nominee has served on the faculty of both military and civilian dental schools, conducted continuing education seminars for practitioners, and published extensively, with a focus on clinical practice and patient care. Your Committee notes that this nominee has served successfully in several management positions where he has been responsible for supervising clinicians, creating service delivery protocols, and developing policy. Your Committee further notes that, in addition to his military service, this nominee also has experience in civilian dentistry through his work as a consultant with Hawaii Dental Services.

Your Committee finds that these nominees have been appointed to the Board of Dental Examiners based on their experience, qualifications, and commitment to public service

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.



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

*Rosalyn H. Baker*

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair





