

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

179

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 426

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 S.B. No. 426 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to modify dental licensing laws to allow dentists participating in an accredited, multi-year dental residency program to obtain temporary licensure for the duration of their training.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Dental Examiners, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Kokua Kalihi Valley, Lanai Women's Center dba Lanai Community Health Center, and Lutheran Medical Center. Copies of written testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that there is both universal support and a critical need for this measure. The need for accessible dental services in Hawaii, especially for children who receive Medicaid, is enormous.

Hawaii has some of the worst dental statistics in the nation in terms of dental diseases and unmet treatment needs. On most neighbor islands, it is prohibitively difficult to access dental care at all. This measure would help address current problems by creating a well-trained dental workforce, supporting recruitment and retention of dentists to work in the community, and spurring



development of facilities to address the State's dental health needs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 426 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 426</i>	Committee Referral: <i>CPN</i>	Date: <i>2/4/2009</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments</span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold</span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">2312</span> <span style="margin-left: 150px;">2311</span> <span style="margin-left: 150px;">2310</span> <span style="margin-left: 150px;">2313</span>		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓	
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓	
ESPERO, Will	✓	
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓	
IHARA, Jr., Les		✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman		✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em;"><i>David Y Ige</i></div>		
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