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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 249.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 249, regarding the **reappointment** of Dan F. Fujii, D.D.S. to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Fujii's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Fujii is being reappointed to the Board as a licensed dentist. He has been licensed since August 6, 1984, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Fujii is an excellent member and has attended most of the Board's meetings. His active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrates that he has prepared for the matters that are on the Board's agendas. In addition, by sharing valuable insights that he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed

dentist in active practice, Dr. Fujii contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions. Further, on many occasions, the Board has called upon Dr. Fujii to assess an issue, articulate the finer points, and make recommendations.

Moreover, as the past Chair of the Board's Rules/Legislative Committee, Dr. Fujii has devoted many additional hours directing the committee in its deliberations to amend the Board's administrative rules. Dr. Fujii has also sacrificed many hours at Legislative hearings as the Board's testifier.

The Department believes that Dr. Fujii's interest in serving on the Board, experience in the profession, and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Therefore, the Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Fujii to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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To: **Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection**
The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Hon. David Y. Ige, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of Dan F. Fujii, DDS, **Nominee to Board of Dental Examiners**

Submitted by Beth Giesting, CEO
March 6, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Room 229

It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Dan Fujii for a seat on the Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Fujii has a considerable wealth of information about serving some of the state's most underserved people while working as the Dental Director for Hawai'i's largest and oldest community health center, the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Besides bringing a first-hand perspective about people who often have to do without oral and other kinds of primary health care, Dr. Fujii can contribute to the board his understanding of the nonprofit dental safety net, the need and opportunities to expand dental workforce for underserved areas, working with the Medicaid program, and cultural and socioeconomic factors involved in oral health and disease.

We at the Hawaii Primary Care Association have had the privilege of working with Dr. Fujii for nearly a dozen years. He is personable, helpful, knowledgeable, and very interested in collaborating with his peers for the good of the community. I firmly believe that Dan Fujii, DDS, is an excellent candidate to represent dentists in Hawaii at this time.

Mahalo for your consideration of this matter.

WAIANAЕ COAST COMPREHENSIVE
HEALTH CENTER



March 4, 2009

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
5th Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Letter of Support for Dan Fujii, DDS

Aloha Senator Baker,

It is an honor and a pleasure to write this letter of support for Dan Fujii's nomination to a second term on the State Dental Board. He has fifteen years of experience as a dentist and Dental Director at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. During this time he has expanded the dental program, started school visits, and created training opportunities for dental residents. Currently he is working on integrating pediatrics and dental visits, providing dental health in a homeless shelter, and bringing in pedodontal resident training.

As a member of the State Dental Board, Dr. Fujii would be in a position to represent dental issues from a community health perspective. I believe his contribution will prove to be invaluable to the State of Hawaii and all those served.

Sincerely,

Ricardo C. Custodio, MD, MPH
Medical Director, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
Associate Professor, Waianae Hub - A. T. Stills University Program

From: S Ishimura [samishimura@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 6:16 AM
To: baker1 - Karen
Subject: Letter of Recommendation

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI. 96813

RE: Renomination of Dr. Dan Fujii to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners

This letter is written in full support of Dr. Dan Fujii to another term as a member of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners.

Dr. Fujii has demonstrated to me the utmost in integrity and honesty during our five year working relations. Dr. Fujii is host to two of my eleven dental residents at the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and this year, beginning July 1st, 2009, will accept the inaugural class of Lutheran Medical Center's pediatric dental residency program.

I sincerely urge the Committee's support in retaining Dr. Fujii for a second term. I can assure you he will be a valuable asset on the Board of Dental Examiners.

Sincerely,

Samuel Ishimura, DDS, FACP, FACD, FICD
Assistant Director of Education
Regional Coordinator, Hawaii Region
Lutheran Medical Center

From: okihirodds@cs.com
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2009 8:55 AM
To: baker1 - Karen
Subject: Board of Dental Examiners Nomination

Dear Senator Baker,

I would like to strongly recommend Dr. Dan Fujii for a second term on the Board of Dental Examiners. I have know Dr. Fujii for over 8 years and come to respect him for his integrity and dedication to the community, nation, and the profession of dentistry. In regards to community service, he has made community health his passion. He has elected to work at Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center serving one of our largest areas of need. Dr. Fujii has also gone back to college to earn a degree in Public Health.

In serving our country, I'm proud to have worked with Dr. Fujii in the US Navy Reserves. He did an outstanding job working with our service members and took leadership positions at an early stage in his career. He served as a Dental Officer, Department Head, and eventually served as the Executive Officer for our Medical Unit. His dedication allowed us to train countless Hospital corpmen, who served overseas in areas such as Germany, Kuwait, and Iraq.

In regards to dentistry, his willingness to serve a second term demonstrates a strong concern with upholding professional standards governing the field of dentistry in Hawaii. I believe he has the integrity and strength to take unpoplular stands that would benefit the health of Hawaii's people that he has chosen serve.

Sincerely,
Glenn Okihiro, DDS
Past-President Hawaii Dental Association
Capt USNR-Retired
Past CO of NMC SD 419
Past-President of Aiea Little League
Past-President of Kai Lani AOA

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To Senator Baker & Committee members:

I have known and worked with Dr. Dan Fujii for more than twenty years. I have worked with him in community health issues for all of these years. For the past four years I have served with him on the state dental board of Examiners. From his service to the community of Waianae as the community health center dental director to his service to the state at large via the state dental board and resource for the other community health center dental programs his career has been outstanding and exemplary. I highly recommend Dr. Fujii for another term on the board as his energy, background and compassion for the people of Hawaii is much needed.

Thank you,

Dr. David Breese D.D.S.

Kokua Kalihi Valley Community Health Center Dental Director for 27 years

Current member of the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

To the Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair, and Members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

I have sincerely appreciated the opportunity to sit on the Board of Dental Examiners these past four years. The experience has not only been educational, but allowed me to become more intimately involved with our licensure process. I am currently serving on two committees; the Legislative and Rules Committee and the Continuing Education Committee. I'd like to remain involved with the Board and am therefore soliciting your support in renewing my position for another term. My motivation is pure and simple. It is solely for the purpose of offering my expertise to our state.

I perceive the primary role of a Board member is that of a decision maker. Consequently, how I critically analyze information is probably more significant than the degrees or accolades that I have acquired over the years. Additionally, because public decisions typically involves competing stakeholders, using that information to come up with a recommendation that is balanced, fair, and reaches consensus has proven to be important.

Why do I believe I am qualified? I have been a dentist for over two decades, during which time I have benefited from a broad range of professional experiences which include not only clinical practice, but consultationships, program management, and faculty assignments for both professional and auxiliary level training. With respect to my first term as a Board member, my actions to date have been based on a desire to listen and learn. To arrive at solutions which would make a positive difference in our future. To hear all sides, understand those opinions, put it into context, and determine what the global effects would be to the public. I learned early on that one of our central responsibilities deals with ensuring public safety. I view this to mean not only in the context of validating minimal professional competency and licensure requirements, but also recognizing that our decisions have ramifications which involves broader issues such as access to care, auxiliary utilization standards, and oral health conditions in the community.

I chose dentistry as a profession primarily as a means to serve others. While some may use those words very casually, my work experience and educational background exemplify that I have committed my life to that end. It has not been so much about what I could gain as much as it is about what I could do to change things for others. My responsibilities as a Director within the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center and also as an Officer in the Navy Reserve have provided administrative, planning, managerial, and analytical experience that is invaluable in any decision making process. Additionally, my public health education and familiarity with both the private and governmental sectors provide a balanced perspective of issues that affect license and practice issues.

I hope this statement has provided you with a glimpse of who I am as an individual. If this along with the qualifications I have indicated on my resume fits into your view of someone who could sit on the Board of Dental Examiners, then I would again, sincerely appreciate your support of my nomination.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan F. Fujii". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the right.

Dan F. Fujii, DDS

DAN F. FUJII, D.D.S., M.P.H.



EDUCATION

DENTAL	University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, Iowa Doctor of Dental Surgery, May 1984
POSTGRADUATE	University of Hawaii School of Public Health, Honolulu, Hawaii Masters of Public Health – Health Administration and Planning, December 1991
UNDERGRADUATE	University of Hawaii School of Arts and Sciences, Honolulu, Hawaii Bachelor of Arts – Zoology, May 1980

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- State of Hawaii Dental License, August 1984. Current status: Active
- State of Texas Dental License, November 1998. Current status: Active
- Basic Cardiac Life Support – Re-certification. Expiration: November 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DENTAL DIRECTOR	Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Waianae, Hawaii March 1996 to Present Research, develop, implement, monitor, and administrate dental policies and plans in accordance with the mission of the health center. Recruit, assign, manage, evaluate, and train professional and auxiliary personnel. Develop and implement community centered programs and projects. Manage and resolve personnel, patient, and budgetary issues. Provide professional consultation to medical and administrative departments on issues related to organizational policies/procedures, new facility construction projects, and grant applications. Provide comprehensive clinical dental treatment.
DENTAL OFFICER	United States Navy Reserves, Operational Health Support Unit, Naval Medical Center San Diego, Detachment D. Rank: Commander O-5 August 1999 to September 2001 – Dental Officer October 2001 to August 2004 – Dental Officer/Department Head September 2004 to December 2006 – Assistant Officer in Charge/ Dental Officer January 2007 to June 2007 – Dental Officer July 2007 to present – Individual Ready Reserve. Promote, coordinate, and perform oral examination services to assure the dental readiness of Reservist. Provide contributory clinical support to the active duty component. Administrate, manage, and train an 60 - 80 member Reserve unit consisting of Hospital Corpsman and Medical/Dental/Nurse/Medical Service Corp officers.
STAFF DENTIST	Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Waianae, Hawaii July 1993 – February 1996, December 1986 – April 1988 Provided clinical dental services in an underserved, low income community based health clinic.

ORAL HEALTH CONSULTANT	Pacific Islands Health Officers Association, Honolulu, Hawaii May 1992 - May 1995 Assisted eight U.S. Pacific Island governments in the planning, evaluation, and coordination of activities related to alleviating the oral health needs of their countries through the development of a regional training program for dental personnel.
DENTAL CONSULTANT	Papa Ola Lokahi, Honolulu, Hawaii January 1992 – April 1992 Collected and analyzed information to develop applications for Federal Health Professional Shortage Designations for appropriate geographic areas and populations within the State of Hawaii.
DENTIST	Dan F. Fujii, DDS, Honolulu, Hawaii January 1989 – July 1992 Provided locum tenens clinical dental services.
DENTAL CONSULTANT	Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, Pohnpei, FSM July 1991 – October 1991 Identified, analyzed, and evaluated state and national needs, resources, and regulatory requirements to develop practical recommendations to improve the delivery of preventive dental services.
CHIEF DENTIST	Department of Corrections, State of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii June 1987 – December 1988 Identified and assessed the oral health needs of all inmates assigned to medium and high security correctional facilities. Administered, coordinated, and provided clinical services to address those needs in conformance with departmental guidelines. Managed, evaluated, and assigned professional and auxiliary personnel.
ASSOCIATE DENTIST	Dan F. Fujii, DDS, Kaneohe, Hawaii August 1984 – December 1986 Provided comprehensive dental services in a private practice office setting.

MAJOR GRANTS AND REPORTS

- Dental Care in the Federated States of Micronesia: A Report on Factors Affecting the Delivery of Preventive Services. November 1991
- Regional Training Program for New Dental Professionals in the U.S. - Related Pacific. Pacific Basin Health Initiative Grant (Section 301). United States Public Health Service. August 1992
- Improving Oral Health Education to Upgrade the Skill Levels of Dental Professionals in the U.S. Pacific Islands. Pacific Basin Health Initiative Grant (Section 301). United States Public Health Service. June 1993

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

- Adjunct Faculty/Site Director – Lutheran Medical Center AEGD Dental Residency program, 2005 – Present
- Adjunct Faculty (2005-present)/ Lecturer (2009) – Kapiolani Community College Dental Assistant Program
- Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners – Appointment -2005 to 2009; Chairman - Legislative/Rules Committee, 2006 – 2008; Member - Continuing Education Committee 2008 - present
- Honolulu Magazine's one of "Hawaii's Best Dentist", 2005
- National Dean's List , 1992

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Naval Reserve Association, 2000 – Present
- National Network for Oral Health Access, 2009
- Academy of General Dentistry, 2001 – 2007
- American Dental Association, 1984 -86, 1990 -91, 1994, 2005
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry, 1992 – 2002

Professional References

Dr. David Breese
Dental Director, Kooka Kalihi Valley Health Clinic

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Ms. Beth Giesting
Executive Director, Hawaii Primary Care Association

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Dr. Glenn Okihiro

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Mr. Richard Bettini
Chief Executive Officer, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

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Dr. Samuel Ishimura
Advanced Education General Dentistry (AEGD) Assistant Program Director
New York Lutheran Medical Center

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