

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2188

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2188 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include teeth whitening in the definition of the practice of dentistry.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Dental Examiners and the Hawaii Dental Association. Testimony with comments was received from the Regulated Industries Complaints Office of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that numerous kiosks offering teeth whitening services have appeared in the State in recent years. Your Committee finds that these kiosks are frequently staffed by operators or employees with little or no training in dentistry or hygiene procedures and operate without proper oversight by regulatory agencies. Your Committee further finds that teeth whitening performed by untrained persons can injure consumers through damage to teeth, burned gums, choking on or swallowing of whitening agents, and potential spread of disease. Your Committee notes that the risk of harm from disease also extends to the employees of teeth whitening kiosks who may be exposed and who may lack the proper hygiene or sanitation training to protect themselves.



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. 2188 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

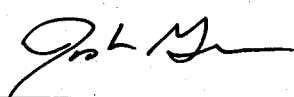


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
CPN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2188	Committee Referral: HTH, CPN	Date: 2/19/10		
<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 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
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				✓
TOTAL	5	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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