



GOV. MSG. NO. 181

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

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GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **DENTAL EXAMINERS, Board of:**

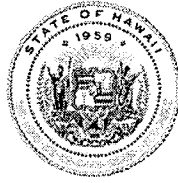
Melanie Bilbaeno Vallejos DDS

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,



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REGULAR SESSION OF 2010

Thursday, February 25, 2010
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 181.

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

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 181, regarding the **reappointment** of Melanie Bilbaeno Vallejos, D.D.S. to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Vallejos' reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Vallejos is being reappointed to the Board as a licensed dentist and a resident of Maui. She has been licensed since April 25, 1994 and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Vallejos is a reliable member and has attended 18 of 20 meetings. Her active participation during the meeting discussions demonstrates that she has prepared for the

matters that are on the Board's agenda. In addition, by sharing valuable insights that she has gained over her many years of experience as a licensed dentist in active practice, Dr. Vallejos contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making decisions.

Moreover, Dr. Vallejos has devoted many additional hours as an examiner for the dental and dental hygiene licensure examinations. She has also participated in site visits at Maui Community College as it relates to the accreditation of the dental auxiliary program at Maui Community College.

The Department believes that Dr. Vallejos' 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. Melanie Bilbaeno Vallejos to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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I would like to continue being a board member because I feel it is a great opportunity for me to be involved in my career from a different viewpoint and to volunteer my time to help dentistry as a whole. As a board member my responsibility is to make decisions based on the protection of the public, which entails dissociating myself from what would benefit me as a dentist, listening, and contributing ideas and decisions without bias.

I think one of the major issues the board is facing today is which test Hawaii will administer for dental licensure. I believe part of the problem is trying to please too many people. If our decision is based on what is best for the public which in my mind is a high quality test then we can eliminate a lot of the other stuff that tends to cloud our judgement, such as will certain groups support our decision if we choose this test etc. I think if we make a decision based on integrity then we can feel good about any outcome.

Some of my skills that may help with my decision making would be my mission trips due to having to practice outside of my element I have had to make some quick decisions. Also the fact that I am a mom has helped me in decision making or maybe being on the board has helped me make better decisions as amom without bias. I hope this helps

Sincerely,

Melanie Vallejos DDS