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House of Representatives Health Committee HI

Dear House of Representatives Health Committee:

I feel that House Bill 1209 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii.

Hawaii State Legislature
House of Representatives
Committee on Health

Friday, February 13, 2009, 8:30 a.m. Conference Room 329
House Bill 1209 RELATING TO DENTISTRY. Redefines the practice of
dentistry to include tooth whitening.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Honorable Representatives Ryan I. Yamane, Chair, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

Committee members: Honorable Representatives. Della Au Belatti, John M.
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As a practicing dentist in the state of Hawaii, I can't help but notice a number of teeth
whitening booths in commercial places around these islands. These operations have sales
people in dental office apparel handing out trays of solution which lightens teeth in a
single visit.

Some of these use a lamp of some sort to supposedly enhance this process.

I am concerned that these personnel may not have adequate training to attend to the safety of
the customer or the ability to handle potential problems.

Teeth lightening gel materials for custom or prefabricated trays sold to my office and those
of colleagues usually contain a type of peroxide.

There are very detailed instructions on the proper use of these materials and warnings
of possible risks and side effects. The active ingredient is a carbamyl or other type of
peroxide which can cause a chemical burn to the oral soft tissues and may also result in
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addition, my office has a source of running water and a vacuum setup to provide for the patient's safety and comfort. And, of course, our patients are able to return to our office for any necessary follow-up.

It is my understanding that the employees of these teeth lightening booths may be actually practicing dentistry if they place the tray in the customer's mouth or otherwise physically manipulate the lips and cheeks to insert the device in the absence of an overseeing dentist. I find this alarming and wonder how this can be in the best interest of the public.

The public is able to purchase Crest White Strips and comparable products at many drug stores and retail outlets. These work reasonably well and do provide value to the consumer. This bill is not concerned with this type of product.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

Mahalo for your support.

With aloha,

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