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**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2010

Tuesday, March 16, 2010  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2188, RELATING TO DENTISTRY.**

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Jeffrey Miyazawa, D.D.S., Chair of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2188, Relating to Dentistry.

The purpose of S.B. No. 2188 is to amend the definition of the practice of dentistry to include teeth whitening.

The Board believes teeth whitening is within the scope of practice of dentistry and not merely a cosmetic procedure. There is potential harm to the patient's gums and teeth if the procedure is not done correctly and without oversight of a licensed dentist. Currently, there is general language related to treating teeth and this bill will clarify that teeth whitening is included in the practice of dentistry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. No. 2188.