

GM 580

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, CANDACE WADA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Friday, April 1, 2011
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580.

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

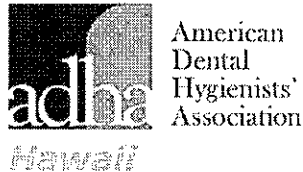
My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 580, regarding the appointment of Candace Wada, D.D.S. to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Wada's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Wada has served on the Board as an interim appointee since July 2010 and is being appointed as a dental member. She has been licensed since August 19, 1997, and her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Wada is a reliable member and has attended 5 of 5 meetings. She prepares for the meetings and participates in discussions. In addition, by sharing valuable insights that she has gained over her years of experience as a dentist, Dr. Wada contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions. Also, Dr. Wada will be expanding her involvement with the Board by becoming an examiner for the dental examination.

The Department believes that Dr. Wada's interest in serving on the Board, her 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 Candace Wada, D.D.S. to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



March 30, 2011

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Friday, April 1, 2011
10:00a.m.
Conference Room #229
Hawaii State Capitol

To The Honorable Roslyn H. Baker, Chair and Members of the Committee, Aloha—

My name is Gayle Rubino. I am the President of the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association.

We are in SUPPORT of Senate Confirmation of Candice Wada and Marilyn R. Nonaka to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for hearing this testimony.

Dr. Candice Wada, Dentist, and Mrs. Marilyn Nonaka, Dental Hygienist, have been serving on the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners for the past several months as interim members. Both have demonstrated their dedication to the profession of dentistry and their commitment to guard public safety.

Several members of the HDHA and I attend the meetings of the Board of Dental Examiners regularly, and we have observed that Dr. Wada and Mrs. Nonaka both give careful, thoughtful consideration of all items brought before the Board. They exhibit diligence in examining the circumstances of each individual appearing before the Board and listen intently to all viewpoints. They actively participate in the discussions and offer insightful recommendations.

Dr. Wada and Mrs. Nonaka desire to continue to serve as regular members of the Board of Dental Examiners for the term ending in June 2015. The HDHA desires these two fine professionals to serve a full term, and we unequivocally support their confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners.



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It is our opinion that the professions of dentistry and dental hygiene as well as the public interest would be well served by these individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity for us to offer supportive testimony for Dr. Candice Wada and Mrs. Marilyn Nonaka

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Gayle Rubino".

M. Gayle Rubino, RDH, BA, MSDH
President

Candace M. Wada, D.D.S.
Personal Statement

I would like to serve as a member of the Hawaii Dental Board of Examiners in order to help ensure that the general public in the state of Hawaii continue to be served by clinically competent and professionally ethical dentists. I view my primary role on the Board of Dental Examiners to be one of a contributor of input to the process of maintaining and developing policies to keep the professional standards of dental practice in Hawaii high while maintaining the public's safety and welfare at the heart of the matter.

As a member of the Board of Dental Examiners, I will have a dual responsibility: to ensure the public's safety at all times and to maintain the high standards of dental practice in the state. This is an ongoing task as times change, technology changes and needs change. I chose dentistry as a profession to serve others in maintaining their health and well-being. I would like to see that the profession of dentistry here in Hawaii continues to have the public's health and well-being at the core of any decisions we make.

I feel qualified to serve on the Board of Dental Examiners because I am an active, practicing member of my profession and I experience daily on a firsthand basis the challenges of practicing in today's society. I feel I can bring solid decision-making skills to the table as I have served in the past in this capacity with the Hawaii Dental Association as a trustee representing Honolulu county and as a delegate to the HDA House of Delegates. Having now practiced dentistry for twenty seven years, I have seen many changes and continue to see new ones on the horizon. I am a good listener, first and foremost, and I give thoughtful consideration to any decisions I make, looking at how it will impact all the parties concerned.