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

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**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,

M. Gayle Rubino, RDH, BA, MSDH
President

To the Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair; Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee:

My name is Marilyn Roberts Nonaka. Thank you for your kind consideration of my nomination to the Board of Dental Examiners as a dental hygienist member.

Having served as an interim appointee on the Board of Dental Examiners since June 2010, I would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving Hawaii's public in this capacity. If you determine that my professional work experiences and community involvement have sufficiently prepared me for the responsibilities of a dental hygienist member on the Board of Dental Examiners, I would be very pleased to continue, pending your confirmation.

I am originally from Texas where I practiced for eight years before living and practicing for two years in Georgia, prior to relocating with my local-born husband back to his hometown here in Honolulu. I have been a licensed, practicing dental hygienist since 1987 after making my home in Hawaii.

In addition to practicing dental hygiene, my work experiences include the positions of clinical instructor in dental hygiene at the University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa, risk management consultant associated with a local insurance company, and grader for the dental hygiene licensure exam, both with the State of Hawaii and more recently with the Central Regional Dental Testing Service.

My involvement with community groups has included serving as a member and/or chair of committees within my daughter's schools and within my church; teaching children and youth in church groups; chaperoning youth soccer teams at mainland tournaments; presenting dental health education programs to various groups; and participating as a volunteer client in a law student competition held at the UH Richardson Law School.

I also served as a consultant on the Hawaii RICO Dental Advisory Committee since 2006, but in 2010 withdrew my name for continued participation due to the potential conflict of interest should I be considered for this position to the Board.

Since my arrival in Hawaii, I have been actively involved in my professional association at the state level, the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA), having served on many committees and in various leadership positions. As a member and past chair of the Regulation and Practice Committee, I had the opportunity to write and bring testimony before legislative committee hearings. I have also attended several meetings of the Board of Dental Examiners through the years. I served as HDHA President in 2004-05.

Thank you for this opportunity to be considered for nomination to the Board of Dental Examiners as a dental hygienist member. I would be happy to answer any further questions that this Committee might have for me.