

# GM775

# PAUL GUEVARA

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

Report Title: Board of Dental Examiners

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3/19/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-03-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 775.**

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. 775, regarding the appointment of Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Guevara's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Guevara has served on the Board as an interim appointee since August 9, 2011, and is being appointed as a dental member. He has been licensed since March 24, 2003, and his license is current, active, and in good standing.

Dr. Guevara is a very reliable member and has attended 3 of 3 meetings. He prepares for meetings and actively participates in discussions. By sharing valuable insights he has gained over his years of experience as a dentist in the military and private practice, and as an endodontic dental specialist, Dr. Guevara contributes to the breadth of information that the Board has found useful when making its decisions. In addition, Dr. Guevara is serving on several committees of the Board.

The Department believes that Dr. Guevara's 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 Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

GM 775

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, PAUL GUEVARA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

By

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 9:30 AM  
Conference Room 229

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

On behalf of the 970 members of the Hawaii Dental Association, I support the  
confirmation of the appointment of Paul W. Guevara DMD to the Hawaii State Board  
of Dental Examiners.

Dr. Guevara's educational background includes a BA degree from St. Vincent's  
College and a DMD, MDS, and an endodontic certificate from the University of  
Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. He also completed a one year Advanced  
Education in General Dentistry course at Fort Benning, Georgia. He has also  
practiced dentistry in various capacities in the military for approximately 8 years,  
culminating in his present position of Deputy Commander, Lieutenant Colonel of the  
Medical Detachment, HIARNG.

Dr. Guevara has also earned the respect of his colleagues. He is presently a fellow of  
both the International College of Dentistry and the American College of Dentistry,  
both honorary organizations. He has also served as the Dental Team Leader for the  
Aloha Medical Mission to the Philippines in January 2010.

Dr. Guevara is presently a member of the American Association of Endodontists and  
the American Dental Association. He is also a member in good standing in the

Hawaii Dental Association and has served as a delegate to the HDA House of Delegates. He is currently engaged in private practice limited to endodontics.

Dr. Paul Guevara is imminently qualified to serve on the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners. The Hawaii Dental Association wholeheartedly encourages your confirmation of his appointment to this important agency of our state.

Sincerely,  
Neil C. Nunokawa D.D.S.  
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March 30, 2012

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker  
Senate Member, District 5  
Hawaii State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 230  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Rosalyn Baker:

RE: GM775: APPOINTMENT OF DR. PAUL GUEVARA TO HAWAII BOARD OF  
DENTAL EXAMINERS

I am pleased to support the appointment of Dr. Paul Guevara to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Guevara has a wealth of experience and knowledge as an endodontist, both in Hawaii and on the mainland, maintaining high practice standards. Dr. Guevara is recognized both locally and nationally as an excellent practitioner with high moral and ethical values.

As a member of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners, Dr. Guevara would contribute greatly in ensuring the continuation of quality dental services in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Christopher Lee, D.D.S.

Personal Statement for Dr. Paul W. Guevara:

My decision to become a member of the Board of Dental Examiners is something I take very seriously. I realize that there is a great responsibility to the Governor, the State Legislature, and most importantly the people of the State of Hawaii that we maintain the highest level of oral health and public safety.

I wish to be a board member because I feel it is the duty of all good citizens to volunteer their time and experience in the betterment of home and community. Without volunteers, important issues and questions will go unanswered. My Father is a retired dentist and educator. He was active in the Pennsylvania Dental Association for over thirty years. Through his example, I wish to be an integral part of dental regulation and governance in Hawaii.

As a board member I realize there comes much responsibility. I will serve as an advisor to the Governor in all issues relating to dental health and fitness. We are to keep him informed of the latest advances in oral health as it relates not only to the mouth, but also to general well-being. Of primary importance, we are to keep the public safety in dental matters our highest priority. Some areas of concern are the proper licensing of dentists and hygienists, and also ensuring that new treatment and technologies are safe and effective for the public.

I feel that I am qualified for the board because I have been a practicing dentist and endodontist for over sixteen years. I have practice both in the Active Duty Army and private practice in Hawaii. I also served as an Active Duty Armor Officer in the Army for four years. Currently I am the Deputy Commander of Clinical Services for the Medical Detachment of the Hawaii Army National Guard. As an Army Officer, I have been trained to be a leader, and someone who has to make difficult decisions sometimes under harsh and extreme conditions. As a dental specialist I have received advanced training the field of endodontics. While assigned to Ft. Campbell Kentucky I served as the Chief of the Endodontic Department. While there, I was also a member of the DENTAC Credentialing Committee. This committee was responsible for ensuring all of the assigned dentists were properly trained and certified in their fields. Here in Hawaii, I volunteered to be a delegate to the Hawaii Dental Association. I served as a delegate for three years.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask for your consideration and appointment to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. I feel that with my experience I will be a fine addition to the board.