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To: Hawaii State Legislature

From: Paul Bonham DDS MS

Re: Testimony opposing SB2440

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In my opinion, Licensure by Credentials does not adequately insure the public's best interest and safety and should not be permitted by the licensing authorities of the State of Hawaii. Furthermore, the current licensing process is not unfairly or unreasonably restrictive and should be left in place.

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Of all dentists, specialists particularly should not mind taking the currently required examination processes for licensure in Hawaii. These exams are not a deterrent for qualified specialists to enter the community and provide care. Perhaps those specialists who want to enter the community to provide care without going through the examination process are the ones who should most be scrutinized.

Respectfully,

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SB 2440

Relating to Dental Specialists

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Senator Clarence K Nishihara, Vice Chair

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Re: SB 2440, Relating to Dental Specialists

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In the best interests and health of the people of this state, please DO NOT ALLOW the passage of SB 2440.

Sincerely,

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Darrell Teruya, DDS

Past President (2008) Hawai'i Dental Association

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Testimony for SB2440 and SB2441

Testimony of Mark Masunaga, DDS In Opposition To Senate Bill 2440 And 2441 Relating to Dentistry Committee on Health Feb 10, 2012

Dear Senator Green,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to SB 2440 and 2441.

As a physician, I know you understand the importance of well trained specialist in all facets of health care. In the emergency room, you depend on experience and highly trained doctors, nurses, and specialist to deal with the vast array of medical emergencies.

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Sincerely Mark Masunaga DDS

Senate Committee On Health

Friday February 10, 2012

1:30 PM

Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

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This could also expose Hawaii to potential lawsuits by restricting dentists from practicing areas of dentistry that they have previously received training in. This would be an extremely difficult if not impossible process to enforce and set parameters of dentistry procedures allowed.

Thank you for your consideration,



Glenn Okihiro, DDS

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State Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
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Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m. Room 229
Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and
members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Russel Yamashita and I am the legislative representative for the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) and its 960 member dentists. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

The HDA does not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty at this time. The HDA believes that once the Board is authorized and has the proper standards and criteria for such specialty licenses with appropriate conditions, training, schooling, and testing, legislation like SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, this bill does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the licensing laws, or any proper framework for issuing of any specialty license.

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BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2012

Friday, February 10, 2012
1:30 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2440, RELATING TO DENTAL
SPECIALISTS.**

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, M.D., CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Mark. A. Baird, D.D.S., Chair of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify and offer comments on Senate Bill No. 2440, Relating to Dental Specialists.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 2440 is to permit the Board of Dental Examiners to issue a specialty license in the specialty areas of dentistry recognized by the American Dental Association ("ADA") by establishing requirements for specialty licensure.

The Board takes no position on this bill but raises the following concerns for your consideration:

- 1) In regards to section 448-(b)(3)(D) of the bill on page 2, lines 16-20, the Board believes that practicing the previous two years in the dental specialty is insufficient and believes it should be three to five years. The Board notes that the requirements to qualify for a community service license requires at least three years of active practice of clinical dentistry.

- 2) In regards to section 448- (c) of the bill on page 3, lines 13-16, the Board believes that the scope of practice for the dental specialty should not be defined by the national specialty board and instead be defined and limited to the procedures allowed in the Board's statute and rules. The scope of practice defined by a national specialty board may go beyond the parameters of the Board's definitions and possibly infringe on another profession's scope of practice. Therefore, the Board should be the authority to define the scope of practice.
- 3) If the intent of this bill is to provide access to care of dental specialists in underserved areas, there is no guarantee that this will happen. There may be unintended consequences of flooding the market in the most populated areas.
- 4) Moreover, in regards to section 448-(b)(4) of the bill on page 3, lines 10-11, the appropriate title of the examination is the National Board Dental Examination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and comment on Senate Bill No. 2440.

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Mahalo for your support

With aloha,

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Re: Opposition to SB 2440

I am writing in opposition to proposed SB 2440 that would allow licensure by credentials for dental specialists. I am very concerned about this bill because passing it would increase a threat to the safety of our Hawaii residents when it concerns dental care.

Using my personal example I can attest that the current licensing process is not a deterrent for qualified specialists to enter the community and provide care. Perhaps our licensing authorities should be concerned about dental specialists who want to practice in Hawaii without going through the examination process.

As a dental specialist (orthodontist) I have taken various dental board exams. I practiced orthodontics in Arizona from 2006- 2009. I made a final decision to relocate to Hawaii in January 2009, signed up for the ADEX in February 2009, and passed the exam in April 2009). As a specialist who has not practiced general dentistry for 5 years I was able to not only pass the exam but get very high scores. Thus, I can affirm that taking the ADEX and going through the licensing process is not restrictive in any way nor is it unreasonable for dentists/specialists desiring to practice in Hawaii.

The current licensing process ensures that dental specialists who come to practice in Hawaii are up to date with their hand skills as well as the latest practice and theory knowledge. Allowing the dental license with credentials only, would be equivalent to allowing a pilot who has a license but has not been flying for some years, or flying very little to fly a commercial airplane with 200 people on board. There are certain

requirements for pilots, to ensure passenger safety. Likewise, the public safety needs to be assured by appropriate testing requirements in dentistry. One should not assume that if someone has license somewhere else especially for some time that they automatically posses the basic skills needed to practice safely.

Current testing procedures simply ensure basic skills and knowledge that every specialist should have . The already existing process ensures that one is able to use dental instruments and treat patients safely when they come to practice to Hawaii and as you see from my example is not a restriction in any way.

Please vote against SB 2440 as it does not increase access to dental care but instead poses a threat to the safely for the Hawaii people and their dental care.

Humbly and Sincerely
Aurelia Bonham DDS, MS

Mahalo for your support

With aloha,

Aurelia Bonham DDS MS

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With aloha,

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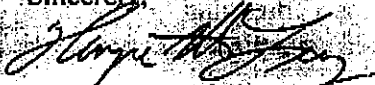
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Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara, and members of
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My name is Wayne S. H. Leong and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

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Senate Bill 2440

Chairman Clarence K. North and members of the Senate Committee on Health

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Director, Department of Health, Office of the Surgeon General

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Sincerely,
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February 09, 2012

To whom it may concern:

My name is Robert S Brath and I am a practicing Dentist in Hawaii for over 35 years. I
would like to inform you that the stage for specialty is being set. This would be the standard of care
required of all Dentists in the State. This is the same standard required of all Professionals
until the issue of specialty is addressed in Hawaii. This bill would not require any necessary
government and control over the dental licensing law.

Aloha,

Robert S Brath DDS
(CEO)



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Honorable Chair Josh Green, MD; Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara
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Aloha! My name is James Oshiro, a practicing dentist on Oahu and a member
of the Hawaii Dental Association. I've had the opportunity to evaluate both
SB 2441 and SB 2442.

Both bills would diminish safeguards intended to uphold the standard in
dentistry and protect the public. Therefore, I am in opposition of
BOTH bills.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

James M. Oshiro, D.D., FAGD

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Senate Chamber Relating to Dentistry

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2441 Relating to Dentistry. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the substantial changes to the licensing laws for dentists in Hawaii. After reviewing the objectives which the introducer of this legislation intended to accomplish, I can only support one change to the current licensing standards. That change is to permit employees of the Department of Health to apply to the Board of Dental Examiners for a Community Service License under Section 443-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished in amendment to the law.

amendments to Chapter 443, S.B. 2441

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Senate Senate
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State Senator, Honolulu District
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licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license
for dental specialists. I believe to enforce the Board's standards and has
highly specialized and general dental specialties. I believe that the conditions
of the bill and the existing legislation on SB 2440 can be better considered. Until then,
this bill does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the
standards of the Board for the licensing of any specialty licensee.

Sincerely,



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State Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
State Senator Clarence K. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 pm Room 229
Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishimoto, and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Dr. Cally Adams, a practicing Pediatric Dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty at this time. I believe that once the Board is authorized to set proper standards and criteria for such specialties with appropriate education, training, schooling, and testing, legislation like SB 2440 could then be considered. The bill does not provide for proper oversight or regulation of the standards of the licensing laws, or a proper mechanism for issuing of any specialty license.

Respectfully,



Cally L Adams
KHE: HI 96753

Candace M. Wada, D.D.S.

Hawaii State Legislature
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State Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
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Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m. Room 229
Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of
the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Candace M. Wada, D.D.S. and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty at this time. I believe that once the Board is authorized and has the proper standards and criteria for such specialty licenses with appropriate conditions, training, schooling, and testing, legislation like SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, this bill does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the licensing laws, or any proper framework for issuing of any specialty license.

Sincerely,

Candace M. Wada DDS
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Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Health

My name is Jo Ann Quengua-Atienza, D.M.D. and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credentialing of dental specialists and for the setting of standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty. The Board of Dental Examiners is authorized by the State of Hawaii to regulate the practice of dentistry.

Enforcement of the provisions of the licensing laws of any profession is the responsibility of the State of Hawaii. The Board of Dental Examiners is not authorized to enforce the provisions of the licensing laws of any profession. The Board of Dental Examiners is not authorized to enforce the provisions of the licensing laws of any profession.


Dr. Jo Ann Quengua-Atienza, D.M.D.
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Committee on Health Care Services, 688-8888

State Senator, Lisa Green, Health Care
State Senator, Catherine Kimura, Health Care
Committee on Health Care Services

Friday, February 21, 2014, 2:46 pm, Room 240
Senate Bill 2440, Reading to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chairwoman Catherine Kimura, Vice Chair, Clarence K. Iwamoto, Chairman, Health Care
Senate Committee on Health Care Services

My name is William Dum and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to express my opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Reading to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists based on providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 242 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty and since there is no way for the Board to be authorized and has the proper records and standards for specialty licenses with appropriate continuing education, schooling, and testing questions on the SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, this bill does not provide for the proper licensure of dental specialists and the existing laws are in proper standing for issuing of any specialty license.

Sincerely,


William Dum, DDS
65-1099 Anamahi
Honolulu, HI 96789

To: Hawaii State Legislature

State Senate

State Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

State Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair

February 10, 2012, 2:45 pm, Room

1000 State Street

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice-Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Dr. Erik TinHan and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you would seek to provide for the licensure by credential dental specialists in lieu of providing for current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 443 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty at this time. This bill does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the existing laws. Or any framework for issuing of any specialty license. Bill 2440 would allow a specialist (such as a public health dentist) who has never (since graduation) practiced general dentistry to legally practice as a general dentist without evaluation of his or her skills. This could hardly be considered protecting the public.

Sincerely,

Dr. Erik TinHan

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Honolulu, HI 96825

Honorable State Representative
 State Senate
 Committee on Health and Human Resources

The Senate Chamber
 State Capitol Building
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Date: _____

Dear _____:

Dear _____:

My name is Ken Sato and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 460 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty. At this time, I believe that once the board is rechartered and has the proper standards and procedures for such specialty licenses with appropriate education, training, screening, and testing, legislation such as this can be then considered. The current legislation does not provide for any proper oversight or regulation of the board for issuing of specialty licenses.

Sincerely,



Ken Sato, D.D.S.
 848 South Beretani Street
 Suite 304
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

cc: _____

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Hawaii State Legislature
State Senate
Committee on Health, Labor and Industry, 608-609

State Senator, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
State Senator, Office of the Senate Vice Chair
Committee on Health

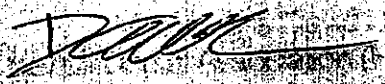
Room 2440, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chairpersons, Senate Committee on Health, and members of the
Senate Committee on Health

My name is David Lum and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the
Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate
Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the
licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing
standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental
Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure
purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any
dental specialty at this time. I believe that once the Board is authorized and has the proper
standards and regulations for specialty licenses with appropriate conditions, training
requirements and testing, legislation like SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, this bill
does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the licensing laws
or any proper framework for issuing of any specialty license.

Sincerely,



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SENATE BILL 2440

HB 101

Committee on Health

State Senate

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State Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

State Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Committee on Health

Friday, July 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m. room 229

Senate Bill Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara, and members of the

Committee on Health,

My name is Mark Masunaga, D.D.S., from a practicing dental office and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty at this time. I believe that once the Board is authorized and has the proper standards and criteria for such specialty licenses with appropriate conditions, training, schooling, and testing, legislation like SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, this bill does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the licensing laws, or any proper framework for issuing of any specialty license.

This bill creates new laws.

Thank you.

S448-5d this would allow a specialist a "loophole" to practice general dentistry by not announcing a limitation of practice. Thereby by passing the state exam and then practicing general dentistry.

S448-5e directly contradicts S448-5d.

This bill will leave the state with no set standards and Hawaii will accept any standards set elsewhere.

Sincerely,



Mark Masunaga D.D.S.

1000 Kalia Road, Suite 300

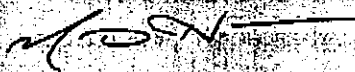
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Honorable Charles H. Hironaka, MD, Vice Chair, Governor's Health and Health Care Committee
Health

My name is Marcus Hannah and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or credential dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the board does not issue a separate and distinct license for dental specialty. I believe that if the board does not issue a separate and distinct license for dental specialty, then the board should not be allowed to consider such specialty for licensure purposes. I believe that the board should be allowed to consider such specialty for licensure purposes if the board does not provide for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Marcus Hannah, D.D.S.
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Hawaii State Legislature

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Committee on Health - Fax number (808) 536-9391

State Senator Josh Green, M.D.

State Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, M.D., Chair

Committee on Health

Friday, February 10, 2012

Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Steven A. Kumasaka, DDS and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensure of dental dentists who comply with the requirements to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation because of the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners does not currently issue or recognize any dental specialty licenses for any purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a dental license or dental specialty license at the time that the Board is authorized to issue the proper license for general or such specialty

dentist and board of dental examiners. The board of dental examiners does not currently issue or recognize any dental specialty licenses for any purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a dental license or dental specialty license at the time that the Board is authorized to issue the proper license for general or such specialty

Sincerely,

Steven A. Kumasaka, DDS

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State Senate
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State Senator: _____
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Friday, February 11, 1994 2:30 p.m. Room 224
Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of the
Senate Committee on Health

My name is Mark Sakurai and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the
Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify before you on Senate
Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the
licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing
standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental
Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure
purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental
specialty at this time. I believe that once the Board is authorized and has the proper standards
and criteria for such specialty licenses with appropriate conditions, training, schooling and
testing, legislation like SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, the Board should provide for
a proper oversight and management over the framework of the licensing law and the current
framework for specialty licenses.

Sincerely,


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Committee on Health

Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m. Room 229

Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of
the Senate Committee on Health

My name is Michael Clarke and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a

member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I am a member of the

committee on Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists and the

provision of the bill regarding licensing of dental assistants

to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty at this time. I believe that once the Board is authorized and has the proper standards and criteria for such specialty licenses with appropriate conditions, training, schooling, and testing, legislation like SB 2400 can be then considered. Until then, this bill does not provide for any support, oversight or enforcement or regulations of the licensure plans, or any process or framework for issuing of any specialty license.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Clarke, DDS, MS

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Wailuku, HI 96793

Friday, February 27, 1963
Senate Bill 2440, Mental Specialists

Honorable Chair, John Green, M.D., Vice Chair, Charles Ke Nishihira, and the Members of the
Senate Committee on Health

My name is Randall D. Yee, M.D., a member of the Hawaii Medical Society and the Hawaii Psychiatric Society. I am writing to you regarding Senate Bill 2440, which would establish standards for the licensure of mental health professionals. I believe that the standards proposed in the bill are reasonable and will contribute to the improvement of mental health services in Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Randall D. Yee, M.D., M.S.D.
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SB 240
Relating to certain records

Senator Grace... Finance and Public Safety Committee

Item SB 240

SB 240... by... for licensing

Dr. Norman S. Chun

Norman S. Chun, Chairman

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LYNN FUJIMOTO, D.M.D.

February 9, 2012

State Senator Josh Green, Chairman

State Senator Clarence K. Nishimura, Vice Chair

Committee on Health

Re: Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chairman Green, Vice Chairman Nishimura, and Members of the Committee on Health

My name is Dr. Lynn Fujimoto and I have been practicing dentistry as a specialist (Pediatric Dentist) for over thirty years in Hawaii and have been a member of the Hawaii Dental Association during this period. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today makes substantial changes to the licensing laws for dentists in Hawaii by providing licensure by endorsement for specialists in lieu of complying with current licensing standards.

I do not support this legislation because the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 458 does not issue or recognize any specialty for licensure purposes. There needs to be specific standards and criteria in place regarding the approval of candidates, training, education, and testing before a candidate can be considered for licensure. There also needs to be proper oversight and monitoring of the qualifications of the candidates for any specialty licensure. Issuing of any specialty licensure by legislation bypasses any oversight and monitoring for the people of Hawaii.

If you have any further questions regarding this bill, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynn Fujimoto

State Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 pm Room 229
Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, MD, Vice-Chair Clarence Nishihara and members of the
Senate Committee on Health

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to Senate Bill Relating to Dental Specialists. I am currently practicing in the State of Hawaii and adhere to and pass current licensing standards as established by the Board of Dental Examiners. I would not wish to practice under the Community Service Act.

With the safety and well-being of our patients potentially at stake, I speak in opposition to SB 2440. In addition, the need for new licensing standards has not been established. The licensing process currently in place has not been an impediment to those who wish to practice in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in opposition to this bill.

With the safety and well-being of our patients potentially at stake, I speak in opposition to SB 2440. In addition, the need for new licensing standards has not been established. The licensing process currently in place has not been an impediment to those who wish to practice in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,
Wade K. Nobuhara, DDS, MS

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I disagree with SB2440 and SB2441. I am a member of the general public and believe passing these bills will endanger the dental health of the general public.

I do not want the standards for licensure to practice dentistry in Hawaii to be compromised.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
MARCIA WILGARD	PO BOX 7055 Ocean View, HI 96737
Marcia Wilgard	

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Leilani Navarro Leilani Navarro	74-5081 Hanahanai Ip. KailuaKona, HI 9674

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Samantha A. Fujimori

Bx 2118 Kealahou, HI 96750

~~Samantha A. Fujimori~~ 2.09.2012

I disagree with SB2440 and SB2441. I am a member of the general public and believe passing these bills will endanger the dental health of the general public.

I do not want the standards for licensure to practice dentistry in Hawaii to be compromised.

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Chirak Johnston
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I disagree with SB2440 and SB2441. I am a member of the general public and believe passing these bills will endanger the dental health of the general public.

I do not want the standards for licensure to practice dentistry in Hawaii to be compromised.

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733/13 Palupalu [unclear]

I disagree with SB2440 and SB2441. I am a member of the general public and believe passing these bills will endanger the dental health of the general public.

I do not want the standards for licensure to practice dentistry in Hawaii to be compromised.

NAME

Rose Padilla
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ADDRESS

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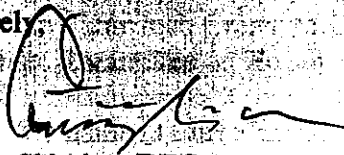
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Senate Building Honolulu HI 96814
Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Curt Shimizu and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, The Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty at this time. I believe that once the Board is authorized and has the proper standards and criteria for such specialty licenses with appropriate conditions, training, schooling, and testing, legislation like SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, this bill does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the licensing laws, or any proper framework for issuing of any specialty license.

Sincerely,



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Kathy T. Sagawa, D.D.S.

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February 9, 2012

Hawaii State Legislature
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State Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
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Committee on Health

Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 pm Room 229
Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Kathy T. Sagawa, DDS and I am a practicing specialist in Hilo, Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the licensure by credential of dental specialists in lieu of providing for the current licensing standards that all dentists must comply with to qualify to practice in the State of Hawaii.

I do not support this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty at this time. I believe that once the Board authorized and has the proper standards and criteria for such specialty licenses with appropriate conditions, training, schooling, and testing, legislation like SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, this bill does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the licensing laws, or any proper framework for issuing of any specialty license.

Sincerely,

Kathy T. Sagawa

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PS: I just want to give a brief history of myself. I am an endodontist limiting my practice to endodontics - a specialty in root canal etc. I've been practicing for 25 years in Hilo. After receiving my dental degree from UH Manoa, I went to University of Maryland Dental School for 4 years learning the basics of general dentistry. I took the Hawaii Dental Board exam in 1983 then got accepted back to University of Maryland to study postgrad endodontics for the next 2 years. I don't know why we dentists and the HDA were not allowed to do root canal only root canals for 25 years. I have done root canal, crown, filling or even cleaning since 1982. Do you really want me to do a good job for you?
I understand the need for dentists. God knows, I love this island. But I just want you & our legislators to get their ducks in a row before passing such a bill without the proper standards, criteria etc. that only the Board of Dental Examiners can do.
Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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February 9, 2012

Dear Mr. Green: (number 587-9337)

State Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
State Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m. Room 229
Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

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I oppose this legislation at this time due to the fact that the Board of Dental Examiners, which does not issue or recognize any dental specialty or licensure purposes. In other words, the Board does not issue a separate and distinct license for any dental specialty. I believe that once the Board is authorized to issue the proper standards and criteria for such specialty licenses with appropriate continuing education, schooling and testing, legislation like SB 2440 can be then considered. Until then, this bill does not provide for any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the licensing laws, or any proper framework for issuing of any specialty license.

Sincerely,

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