

This testimony is in support of SB2441.

I wasn't planning to practice dentistry in Hawaii. Then I was contacted by not one, but two community health center dental directors, one from Oahu, and the other from Maui. I soon found myself looking into the licensing requirements for a community service license (CSL) only to realize that I did not meet those requirements. I hadn't taken my national boards in the last 5 years, and I hadn't practiced a minimum of 1000 hrs each year in the last 3 years prior to making application. Because of that, and despite having a 12 year dental career spent mostly in community health, a certificate in pediatric dentistry, and dental licenses from three states, I could not qualify for the Hawaii community service license. However, I was persuaded to apply for the one year temporary license, and now practice pediatric dentistry as an employee of Malama I Ke Ola Health Center in Wailuku, on Maui, until June 29, 2012 when my temporary license expires.

I believe the intent of the restricted CSL was to make it easier to recruit dentists to provide services at community health centers, and other non-profit clinics. However, the CSL law as it is currently written is similar to licensure by credential laws in other states that allow for the private practice of dentistry without restrictions. The proposed deletions to the current law make sense to simplify licensure by credential, and increase the number of eligible applicants.

There are many reasons why a dental specialist would not want to practice in a non-profit clinic in Hawaii: long hours, low pay, high cost of living, etc. Difficulty acquiring a license should not be one of those reasons. Amending the law will make it possible for qualified dentists like me to acquire the CSL and provide much needed services to children who do not otherwise have access to care.

Sincerely,

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With aloha,

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Relating to Dentistry

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Sincerely,

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Dr. Carrie L. Ayer
PO Box 437257
Kamuela, Hawaii 96743

Hawaii State Legislature and Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners,

I would like to give support to SB 2441. I am a dentist who has been employed by community health centers on Maui and Hawaii; both with financial instability. I love community health; however, there instability is worrisome to me. I am purchasing my first home in the Hamakua District. I love helping those patients who otherwise could not afford dentistry and believe there is a great need in my area.

I have a community service license for the past 5 years because my school offered the Western Regional Board Exam (WREB) which is recognized by the American Dental Association. I would feel much more secure about my future if I had an unrestricted license to practice dentistry. The unrestricted license would not change my practice choice of community dentistry; however, it would allow me to build a secure future serving the underserved patients in the area I reside.

It is long overdue for Hawaii along with all other states to accept any regional exam an accredited dental school offers. We are all still treating patients and helping our communities no matter if we have a limited license or unrestricted license. Any dentist who has passed National Board I and II and any regional examination recognized by the ADA should be able to practice in Hawaii and any other state in America. Dentistry needs to move in the direction of all other medical professions in regard to licensure; its silly general dentists have to take a practical board with live patients after already successfully passing a regional board exam.

I would do not want to add any changes to the above bill.

Mahalo,

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Unfortunately, SB 2441 takes out components of the existing statute which helps validate the competency of the candidate for the Community Service License. In addition, a clause which mandates participation in an ongoing clinical quality assurance program is also to be taken out. I believe that these deletions seriously lower the bar for competent delivery of services.

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In the issues of quality assurance and parity in the area of professional licensure I believe this measure is truly problematic. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opposition to SB 2441.

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.

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Both bills lower the standard of what is required to practice dentistry in Hawaii. I urge the members of this very important Health committee to look carefully at how these bills will allow individuals to bypass standards of quality care.

Sincerely Mark Masunaga DDS

Senate Committee on Health

Friday February 19, 2012

1:30 PM

Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Steet

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Thank you for looking at keeping our patients health and safety a priority



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Testifier position: Support

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Alex Pijpaert, DDS

Organization: Individual

E-mail: alex@ccmaui.org

Submitted on: 2/8/2012

Comments:

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Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m. Room 229
Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and
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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 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 discussing the objectives which the introducer of this legislation intended to accomplish, the HDA 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 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 cannot be supported by the HDA because it would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

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Friday, February 10 2012, 1:30 p.m. Room 229
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Honorable Chair Dr. Josh Green, Vice-chair Senator Clarence Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Dr. Stanwood H. Kanna and I am a practicing dentist on the island of Kauai. I am opposed to SB2441. SB2441 is passed will remove the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) dental licensure exam as Hawaii's initial licensure examination in dentistry and will accept the results of all regional and independent dental licensure exams as recognized by the American Dental Association. I have been actively involved in the dental and dental hygiene licensure process in Hawaii since 1994 and have also been active in Statewide Oral Health initiatives since the early 1990's. I served on the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners from 1999-2007 and chaired for five years. I am the past plan leader of the Hawaii Islands Oral Health Task Force and the current Vice-President of the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX). In 2005 the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners eliminated the then independent State licensure exam in dentistry and dental hygiene and adopted for initial licensure the new ADEX national dental and dental hygiene examination. ADEX was created as the foundation by which a uniform national dental and dental hygiene examination would be developed with the objective of one uniform exam, one standard, and freedom of movement. Hawaii was the first State in the country to administer the national ADEX dental exam.

For the last eight years I have studied, developed and compared dental licensure exams extensively. I spent four years on the American Dental Associations Council on Dental Licensure and Education. I have presented on examination comparisons based on content, scoring and validity. I have sat on examination development committees of ADEX and the Central Regional Dental Testing Agency (CRDTS). I have chaired the ADEX Quality Assurance Committee. I have learned to understand test development and construct. The ADEX dental examination has been in the forefront of all dental licensure examinations since its introduction in 2005 and it is still evolving. The ADEX exam is the standard by which other dental testing agencies examinations compare themselves to. Unfortunately at this point there is no national consensus on a uniform examination. However ADEX has 28 member state boards of dentistry making it the largest most nationally representative test development entity in dentistry in the United States. No other test development entity has as broad a participation as ADEX as it works toward its goal of all states becoming members.

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Hawaii has been in the forefront of ADEX since its inception. The ADEX dental exam has been challenged in the Hawaii Legislature in the pass and has held up to the many challenges to its validity, reliability, defensibility, and viability. The ADEX exam is not only getting stronger in its goal of achieving a uniform national exam, but it has created innovative exam modules in electronic scoring that has significantly impacted the exam positively.

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Hawaii has been a leader as one of the founders of ADEX and demanding a high uniform standard of competency for the dentists that the state licenses.

Sincerely,

Stanwood H. Kanna D.D. S.
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**PRESENTATION OF THE
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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Friday, February 10, 2012
1:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2441, RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

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. 2441, Relating to Dentistry.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 2441 is to amend and clarify eligibility requirements for a community service license to practice dentistry. This bill also amends the examination requirement for dental licensure in Hawaii.

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

- 1) The Board believes that changes to the examination requirement may negatively impact the number of community service licensees. The proposed amendment to section 448-9.4 may ease the examination process for the dental license and diminish the appeal of the community service license, thereby affecting access to care in underserved and needy areas. The community service license program was specifically designed to address access to care issues by

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- 2) In regards to section 448-9.4 of the bill on page 2, beginning on line 16, the Board believes that all exams are not equivalent. For example, the Western Regional Examination Board ("WREB") has no prosthodontic portion and the Southern Regional Testing Agency ("SRTA") has no periodontic portion in their examinations, and the Board believes that these components are necessary to test the competency of dentists who wish to practice in Hawaii.
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five years of active practice of clinical dentistry immediately prior to filing an application to ensure competency.

- 5) In regards to section 448-9.6(b) on page 5, lines 4-5, the Board notes that continuing education is currently a requirement to renew the community service license.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and comment on Senate Bill No. 2441.

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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.

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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,

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SUBMITTED TO:
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The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center which employs dentist and hygienist who are issued Community Health Service License (CHSL), strongly opposes SB2441.

First, amending Section 448- 9.4 does not encourage providers to serve in areas of need. The advantage of the CHSL is that it is a license by credential process that channels providers to the health centers. A credentialing or reciprocity venue for all dentist will nullify the attraction of a CHSL.

Second, amending Section 448-9.6 is unnecessary. Our organization has directly benefited from and been able to attract 9 dentist and 1 hygienist to our facility because of the CHSL. However, one of the strong features of the current statute is the standards it sets to ensure the safety of the patients we serve. Not only did Section 448-9.6 require CHSL licensed providers to comply with similar standards and conditions placed upon their fully licensed counterparts, but it established eligibility requirements that ensured that the vulnerable, underserved were treated by professionals who were no less competent than their fully licensed colleagues. This was particularly important since the applicants did not have to perform an approved Hawaii dental examination.

Our reputation as the safety net for the underserved would be jeopardized if our provider standards were less for our patients than individuals who sought treatment elsewhere. The three years of active practice requirement is an example of a requirement that protects us. It demonstrates that the individual practitioner was actively practicing, albeit only part time for the previous three years. Having no action against the licensee does not screen out individuals who have simply not practiced in 10 years or are coming out of retirement.

Thank you very much for considering our testimony to oppose SB2441.

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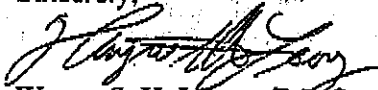
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Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of
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Hawaii State Legislature
State Senate
Committee on Health - Education & Labor
State Senator John Green
State Senator Clarence K. Nishina, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Friday, February 10, 2012 2:43 pm Room 229
Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry

Honorable Chair John Green, Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishina and members of the Senate Committee on Health

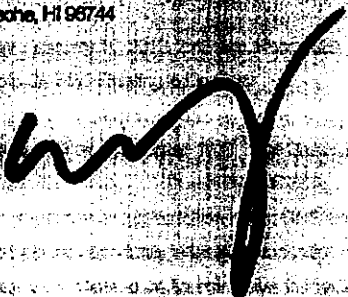
My name is Cynthia Ichiriko Keller, DDS and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry. The bill before you today would seek to provide for the substantial changes 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 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2008.

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I do not support because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Ichiriko Keller, DDS

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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 the last 35 years. I am a member of the American Dental Association and all societies associated with such membership. I cannot support SB 2441 because I feel this bill would significantly alter the present standard of care in the state. Thus the people of Hawaii would potentially see a decrease in their standard of care, which every public employee and legislator is sworn to protect. In 2009, there was a complete revise and update of our licensing to do the very thing that this bill appears to remove. Once again I AM AGAINST SB 2441.

Aloha,

Robert S. Brath DDS
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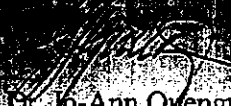
Honorable State Legislature
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Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Health

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 of Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry. The bill before you today would seek to provide 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 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 do not support the objective they would diminish the protection of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,



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Joan Greco <joan.greco@gmail.com>

SB 2440 RELATING TO DENTISTRY: Permits the board of dental examiners to issue a specialty license in the specialty areas of dentistry recognized by the American Dental Association. Establishes requirements for applicants for specialty licensure.

SB 2441 RELATING TO DENTISTRY: Amends and clarifies eligibility requirements for a community service license to practice dentistry.

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair; Senator Clarence K. Nishimura, Vice Chair; honored members of the Senate Committee on Health.

It could be greatly appreciated if you could assist me in my opposition to SB 2440. These measures seek to undo the processes that our Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners have implemented to ensure that the people of Hawaii have access to quality dental care.

The amendments to the dental board are as follows:
With regards to SB 2440:

It is proposed to add a new category of Dental Specialist. This individual would be restricted to the specialty scope of practice. *Confusing aspect of this is that an individual holding a non-Hawaii dental license would also be permitted to practice as a specialist.*

The Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners has a mechanism in place for specialty licensing. *Confusing aspect of this is that an individual holding a non-Hawaii dental license would also be permitted to practice as a specialist.*

With regards to SB 2441:

As a dentist practicing in the state of Hawaii, I strive to deliver dentistry to the best of my abilities for the benefit of my patients. I recognize how the Dental Community Service license has been a proven way to allow a dentist to assist in providing to the needs of the underserved members of the community. *This bill disturbingly eliminates a number of criteria for the attainment of this license. This would, in effect, allow a lesser qualified individual to practice dentistry.* The people of Hawaii deserve better.

February 2, 2012

Honorable Clarence Green, M.D., Chair
State Senate
Commission Election # 586-9391

State Senator, Clarence Green, M.D., Chair
State Senate, 1001 Kalia Road, 15th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813

Friday, February 2, 2012 2:45pm Rm# 209
Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry

Honorable Clarence Green, M.D., Chair
members of the Senate Committee on Health,

My name is Milton M. Murasaki 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 of Senate Bill 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 do not 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 448-6(a). However, this objective appears to have been accomplished with an amendment to the law in 2009.

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I do not support because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

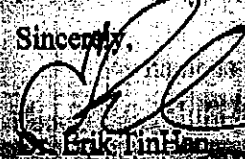
Sincerely,

Milton M. Murasaki DDS
Milton M. Murasaki, DDS
280 Punalani Street #201
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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

My name is Erik Linblad 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 2441 relating to Dental Practice before you would seek to provide substantial changes to the licensing of dentists in Hawaii. I believe that the intent of the legislature intended to accomplish one and only one change to the current licensing standards. That change is to permit the members of the Senate Committee on Health to apply the Board of Dental Examiners to a Community College of Hawaii. I believe that the objective of the legislature was accomplished in

and I do not support any amendments to Chapter 241, SB 2441 because it would remove or diminish the protections to the public which the licensing statutes were intended to provide. I urge you to please not change the laws just to satisfy the needs of a single individual thereby jeopardizing the safety of the public at large.

Sincerely,

Erik Linblad

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

Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m. Room 229
Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry

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

My name is Dr. Gally Adams. I am a practicing Pediatric dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 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 am only in favor of one change to the current licensing standards. I solely support the change that would permit employees of the Department of Health to apply to the Board of Dental Examiners for a Community Service License under Section 448-9.6(a). I do support this isolated change that the bill would provide, however that objective appears to have already been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I am not in support of because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,

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MARK MASUNAGA DBS, DA

Orthodontist

75-6-25 SB 2441 (B)(1)

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

Senators Present: Meeting to Dentists

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

My name is Mark Masunaga, DBS, I am a practicing orthodontist and a member of the American Association of Orthodontists.

I support the proposed changes to the licensing laws for dentists and orthodontists which are intended to accomplish the following:

1. Amend the existing statute which requires all dentists and orthodontists to hold a license issued by the Department of Health to apply to the Board of Dentistry for a General Dentist License under Section 448-9.6(a). However, the objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I do not support because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

This bill contains several laws which would endanger the dental health of the public. Specifically, SB 2441-9.4 accepting any regional or national examination is saying that Hawaii has no better standards as a state and "any" exam is ambiguous and subject to a wide range of interpretation.

Some of the national board exam parts is a national exam which covers the most basic of dental procedures that made to be needed. If the applicant can pass over the five year period of the national board exam they should be considered for dentistry. (100% of the national board exam will diminish the requirements for dentistry. I cannot guarantee all the applicants going to bypass them and the 5 year minimum.

The requirement for formal and ongoing quality control cannot be eliminated.

Passing bill SB 2441 would substantially lower the standards of dentistry set by the state (in fact set a lower standard of dentistry in a state).

Sincerely,



MARK MASLINA, D.D.S.

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State Senate
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State Senator, State Representative
State Senator, State Representative
Committee on Health

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Honorable Chair, State Senate Committee on Health, State Senate
State Committee on Health

My name is William 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 of Senate Bill 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 448-9.6(a). However that objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the bill in 2009.

I am in support of Senate Bill 2441 because they would serve to protect the interests of the public in the licensing of dentists.

Sincerely,



William Lum, DDS
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Mililani, HI 96789

Hawaii State Legislature
State Senate
Committee on Health, Education, and Labor
808-536-1424

State Senator Joseph E. Brien, Chair
State Senator Charles H. Hironaka, Vice Chair
Committee on Health, Education, and Labor

Today Room 200, 215 S. King Street, Room 225
Senate Office Building, Honolulu, Hawaii

Honorable Chair Joseph Brien, M.D., Vice Chair Charles H. Hironaka and members of the Senate
Committee on Health,

My name is Scott Wong 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 of Senate Bill 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 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears
to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

All other changes in Chapter 448 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes do not support the objective to
enhance the protection of the public which the existing statutes were enacted to protect.

Sincerely,



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Hawaii State Legislature
State Senate

Committee on Health, Room Number 586-9391

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

Friday, February 27, 2010 12:07 PM, Room 225
Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry

Honorable Clarence K. Nishimura, M.D., Vice Chair, Clarence K. Nishimura, 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 of Senate Bill 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 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

State Senator Clarence K. Nishimura, Vice Chair

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I do not support because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,

David Lum, DDS
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Milani, HI 96789

I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 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 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

Candace M. Wada, D.D.S.

Hawaii State Legislature
State Senate
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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 2441 Relating to Dentistry

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 of Senate Bill 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 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I do not support because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,

Candace M. Wada, DDS

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Hawai'i State
State Senate

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

Friday, February 10, 2012, 5:00pm, Room 229
Senate Bill 2441, Health, Dentistry

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

My name is Marcus Hamner and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I am writing you to provide the opportunity to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 2441, Health, Dentistry. The bill before you today is intended to provide for the substantial changes to the licensing laws of Hawaii. After reviewing the objectives of the introducer of this legislation intended to accomplish a change to the current law, I do not support that change is to permit employees of the Department of Health to the Board of Dental Examiners. A Community Service Law under Section 448-9.6 appears to have been established in an amendment to the law in 2009.

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I do not support because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,



Marcus Hamner, DDS
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Kaliua, HI 96734

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Committee on Health - Faculty

State Senator Josh Green, M.D. - Chair

State Senator Clarence K. Nishihara - Vice Chair

Committee on Health

February 10, 2012

Senate Bill 2441

My name is Steven A. Kuroki, 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 provide my comments on Senate Bill 2441, Relating to Dentistry. The bill seeks to provide for the substantial change of the licensing laws for dentists. After reviewing the legislation, which the introducer of the 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 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished by an amendment to the law in 2009.

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Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m. Room 229
Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry

Honorable Charles C. Green, M.D., Vice Chairman, Grace K. Nishimura, Director of the
Senate Committee on Health

My name is Mark D. Sakurai and I am a practicing dentist in Hawaii. I appreciate the opportunity to testify before the Senate Committee on Health regarding Senate Bill 2441. The bill proposes to amend the Hawaii Dental Act (H.A.C.A. Chapter 460) to allow for the issuance of temporary dental licenses to individuals who are currently employed by the State of Hawaii. I am currently employed by the State of Hawaii as a dental examiner for the Community Service Center. I believe that the bill is necessary to ensure that the public is protected and that the licensing process is efficient.



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Health to apply to the Board of Dental Examiners for a Community Service
License under Section 448-9.6(a). However, that objective appears to have been
accomplished in an amendment to the Code in 2009.

All other amendments to Chapter 448-9.6 (S 244) I do not support because
they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which existing
statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Clarke DDS, MS

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January 9, 2012

Hawaiian State Legislature
State Senate

State Senate
Committee on Health


Friday, February 10, 2012 5:15pm Room 225
Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry

Honorable Chair, Senators M.D. Vice Chair, and Members of the
Senate Committee on Health

My name is Randall D.J. Yee, D.D.S., M.S.D., and I am a dentist in the Hawaiian Islands. I am writing you today regarding Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry. Before you would seek to provide for the substantial changes to the licensing of dentists, I would like to review the changes which the producer of the legislation intended to accomplish. I can only support the change to the current licensing standards if the 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 448-9.6(a).

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I do not support because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,


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Public Security

State Senate
Committee on Health
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State Senator Josh Green - Chair
State Senator Committee Chairman, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

February 19, 2012
Dear Senator Green:

Re: SB 2441

Senator Green, I am writing to you on the State Committee.

I am strongly opposed to SB 2441. The results of this bill will be to remove all incentives that the Community Service Act was designed to provide.

The purpose of the Community Service Act SB provisions are to allow out-of-state licensed dentists to practice in under-served communities without having to take another state examination. It also has provisions to safeguard the public by certifying that the candidate for this temporary license is current and up to date on all dental techniques and information.

However, SB 2441 would remove all of the public safeguards and incentives for the candidate to practice in these under-served areas.

Dr. Norman

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February 9, 2012

State Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

State Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Committee on Health

Re: Senate Bill 2440 Relating to Dental Specialists

Honorable Chair Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara and members of the Senate 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 seeks substantial changes to the licensing laws for dentists in Hawaii by providing licensure by credentials for specialists in lieu of complying with current licensing standards.

I do not support this legislation because the Board of Dental Examiners under Chapter 448 does not issue or recognize any dental specialty for licensure purposes. There needs to be adequate standards and criterias in place such as those regarding appropriate conditions, training, schooling and testing before legislation such as SB 2440 can then be considered. Until then, this bill does not provide any proper oversight or enforcement over violations of the licensing laws, or any proper framework for issuing of any specialty license. If this legislation passes, it will greatly jeopardize the dental health of all the people of Hawaii.

If you have any further questions regarding this bill, please feel free to contact me at 456-4555.

Sincerely,

Lynn K. Fujimoto

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Curt S. Shimizu, D.D.S., Chair
State Senate Committee on Health
Honolulu, HI 96814

My name is Curt Shimizu and I am a practicing dentist and a member of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA). I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 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 448-9.6 (a). However, that objective appears to have been accomplished in an amendment to the law in 2009.

I do not support all other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.


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February 9, 2012

State Senator **Clarence K. Nishihara**, Chair
Senate Senator **Clarence K. Nishihara**, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:45 p.m., Room 229
Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry

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

My name is Glenn Y. Kadohiro 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 of Senate Bill 2441 Relating to Dentistry. The bill before you today would provide for the substantial changes to the licensing laws for dentists in Hawaii. As you know, the objectives which the introduction of this legislation intended to accomplish, have been met. The change to the current licensing standards. That change is to permit employment of dentists by the Department of Health to the Board of Dental Examiners for a Community Health Center. The objective appears to have been achieved. (HDA letter to Senate February 2, 2012)

All other amendments to Chapter 448 in SB 2441 I do not support because they would serve to diminish the protections of the public which the licensing statutes were intended to protect.

Sincerely,



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