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H.B. 2458, H.D. 1, Relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

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February 24, 2014

1 **Department's Position:** No position. Comments.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health believes that the requirement that one (1)
4 member of the Board of Dentistry and Hygiene, who is a practicing dentist shall have a background in
5 public health dentistry will be beneficial to the Board. This requirement will help ensure there is a
6 member that understands public health dentistry, and can contribute and evaluate dental issues through
7 the public health perspective to the other members.

8 As for the remaining sections of H.B 2458, HD1, the Department of Health is deferring testimony.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Monday, February 24, 2014
2:10 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2458, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF
DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Mark Baird, D.D.S., Chair of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill No. 2458, H.D. 1, Relating to The Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.

The purpose of House Bill No. 2458, H.D. 1, is to change the composition of the Board of Dental Examiners and to change the name of the Board of Dental Examiners to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene in light of changes in dentistry.

The Board believes the current name and composition of the Board is appropriate and that there may be unintended consequences by the addition of a member who is a practicing dentist with a background in public health dentistry. It is the Board's understanding that there are a limited number of practicing dentists with a background in public health dentistry. Therefore, the Board believes the composition is effective and appropriate.

Also, House Draft 1 of the bill proposes that no member shall be in any way be connected with or interested financially in any dental examination company, provided

that a member may be an examiner of a regional testing agency. Please be informed that the Board, as an active member of the American Board of Dental Examiners (“ADEX”), Central Regional Dental Testing Service (“CRDTS”) and the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners (“NERB”), may have members serving as officers, committee members and examiners for these testing agencies. For example, our public member (who is not an examiner) serves as District public member for ADEX. As a result, some Board members would not be eligible to serve on the Board and the Board recommends that the provision related to the regional testing agency be deleted or only the part related to “being interested financially in” be retained.

Accordingly, for the above reasons, the Board does not support this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and comment on House Bill No. 2458, H.D. 1.



Testimony in Support of HB2458, Relating to The Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS

President – Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association

February 19, 2014

Dear Respected Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) is in full support of **HB2458**. This bill will bring a long-standing, recommended change to the composition of the Hawaii Board Of Dental Examiners as well as a logical change to its name. Currently there are 8 dentists, 2 hygienists and 2 public members on the Board. **HB2458** will increase the number of dental hygienists on the Board, as well as, reducing the number of dentists. Should the bill pass, the new ratio would be 5 dentists, 4 hygienists and 2 public members.

HDHA feels that the over-representation of dentists and under-representation of dental hygienists creates an environment where the majority group can easily steamroll or negate the opinions of the minority members. We understand that the role of the Board is to ultimately serve and protect the interests of the public, but the unique and valuable perspective of the dental hygienist is not adequately represented at the current ratio.

It has been mentioned by opponents of this Bill that reducing the number of dentists on the board will be a serious risk to Hawaii's population. Looking at the twenty six regulating boards in the state of Hawaii, the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners has one of the largest regulating bodies. Most health related Boards range from 5-11 members, each including 1-2 public members. This includes the Medical Board, the Nursing Board, the Chiropractic Board, The Acupuncture Board, the Naturapathic Medicine Board and the Board of Pharmacy. If all of these health related Boards can and do function at a quality level with fewer than twelve members, we are positive the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners can do the same. Dentists will still maintain a majority within the board should the Bill become effective.

It is also important to note that the change of name more accurately reflects its true function, which is monitoring the licensure of Dentists **AND** Dental Hygienists. The name change is appropriate because the Board encompasses



the regulation and practice of **both** professions - not just dentistry. The Board has many functions and is more than just an “examining body”, as is implied by the current name. In fact Hawaii no longer administers its own Dental/Dental Hygiene exam. Both professions are licensed by a National exam. All members on the HBODE have the privilege to help administer these exams, but not all members of the Board choose to do so.

For these reasons, HDHA strongly **supports** and thanks you for your time and consideration of **HB2458**. We would like to convey our desire that dentists and hygienists continue to be integral members of the oral health team, and feel that the public is best served and protected when both oral health professions have adequate representation on the Board.

Thank you,

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS
HDHA President 2012-2014

Hawaii State Legislature
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State House of Representatives
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

State Representative Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
State Representative Derek S. K. Kawakami, Vice Chair
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Wednesday, February 24, 2014, 2:10 p.m. Room 325
House Bill 2458, HD 1 Relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Honorable Chair Angus L. K. McKelvey, Vice Chair Derek S. K. Kawakami and
members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Russel Yamashita and I am the legislative representative for the Hawaii
Dental Association and its 960 member dentists. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in
opposition to of House Bill 2458, HD 1 Relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.

The bill before you today would realign the current Board of Dental Examiners and
would place a significant imbalance on the composition of the board. There is no justification
either within the State of Hawaii, or any other state jurisdiction, for such a radical change.
Reducing the board expertise to the level of hygienists puts the public at greater risk, especially
on complex issues such as sedation and licensing criteria for dentists. In fact, many states do not
permit hygienists to even vote on matters outside of hygiene issues.

The primary job of the Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public. As recent
events have shown, that can be a daunting challenge. With limited resources of the State and
combined with those who wish to fly beneath the radar of professional organizations and
regulators, effective oversight of errant dentists become more difficult. The proposed changes to
the Board will only serve to weaken the oversight of practicing dentists who must devote
significant time and personal resources to serve on this Board. Reducing the number of dentists
on the Board will only serve to limit the professional resources and expertise of the Board at a
time when even more resources are needed.

Increasing the number of dental hygienists serving on the Board does not address the
primary purpose of the Board. Hygienists will not be able to separately oversee any disciplinary
action over a licensed hygienist, since the work any hygienist performs must be under the
direction of a licensed dentist who is ultimately responsible and accountable to the Board for the
actions of a hygienist working for the dentist. In other words, rarely is there any disciplinary
action taken against just a hygienist. Therefore, the need, if there is any, for expansion of the
Board would be to increase the number of dentists on it, allowing for better professional
oversight of the delivery of professional services and protection of the public.

No state in the country determines Board membership based on the number of licensees. Public safety, and the expertise required to maintain that safety, should always be the determining criteria for board makeup. Attached is a state by state survey of state dental boards and their composition of dentists, hygienists, public members and others.

Additionally, the requirement of having a dentist with “a background in public health dentistry” is vague and not even defined in the this bill. By what criteria is the Governor who appoints members to the Board determine what constitutes a background in “public health dentistry”? A practicing dentist who regularly volunteers for charitable services to like the dental vans that use to provide services to remote, rural communities on the Big Island probably would meet that criteria in some minds, but not to others. From another perspective a dentist who serves as the dental director or coordinator for a community health center may be viewed as meeting this requirement, may be in fact an administrator who rarely provides dental services to any patients. The public would be poorly served and divert the Board from its primary purpose, to protect the public should such a person be appointed. The Board is not created to further the social needs of the state by diluting its resources and diverting it from its current priorities of protecting the public.

Therefore, the HDA and its members oppose the passage of this bill. I thank you for this opportunity to testify on this bill.

COMPOSITION OF STATE DENTAL BOARDS

Data sources are all 50 States' Department of Health, Board of Dental Examiners, or Legislative web pages, and the American Dental Association.

	Dentists	Hygienists	Public	Other	
Alabama	6	1	0	0	Hygienist may vote only on matters related to dental hygiene.
Alaska	6	2	1	0	
Arizona	6	2	3	0	Hygienist members may participate in all board proceedings and determinations except preparing and grading examinations that do not relate to dental hygienists.
Arkansas	6	1	2	0	Public and senior citizen members shall be full voting members but shall not participate in grading exams.
California	8	1	4	1	Assistant
Colorado	7	3	3	0	
Connecticut	6	0	3	0	1994 HB 5719 removed hygiene from the Dental Commission and placed it under Department of Public Health and Addiction Services
Delaware	5	1	3	0	1997 S 17-Board Composition for voting on Hygiene issues is 12 members because 3 members on Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee are added.
Florida	7	2	2	0	At least one member must be 60 years. of age or older. The Council on Dental Assisting and the Council on Dental Hygiene advise the board.
Georgia	9	1	1	0	Hygienists may vote only on matters relating to dental hygiene administration and policy which do not directly relate to examination of dentists for licensing. Public member may vote only on matters relating to administration and policy which do not directly relate to examination of dentists and dental hygienists.
Hawaii	8	2	2	0	
Idaho	5	2	1	0	
Illinois	8	2	1	0	Hygienists may not participate in examination of applicants for dental license. Public member may not participate in examination of applicants for dental or hygiene license.
Indiana	9	1	1	0	
Iowa	5	2	2	0	1998 H 2206-Creates a dental Hygiene committee of 2 hygienists and 1 dentist with authority to adopt recommendations regarding the practice of hygiene, which shall be ratified by the board unless found to exceed the committee's authority.
Kansas	6	2	1	0	
Kentucky	7	2	1	0	

Louisiana	13	1	0	0	Hygienist member may not vote on matters pertaining to dentistry.
Maine	5	2	1	1	denturist
Maryland	9	4	3	0	
Massachusetts	6	2	2	1	assistant - 2nd hygienist added by 2011 S 2328
Michigan	10	4	3	2	assistants - Hygienists and assistants may not vote on some matters pertaining to dentistry.
Minnesota	5	1	2	1	assistant
Mississippi	7	1	0	0	Hygienists may only vote on matters relating to hygiene.
Missouri	4	1	1	0	Hygienists may not vote on licensing or discipline of dentists. The public member's duties shall not include the determination of technical requirements to be met for licensure or whether any person meets such requirements.
Montana	5	2	2	1	Denturist - One public member must be a senior citizen.
Nebraska	6	2	2	0	
Nevada	7	3	1	0	Hygienists may not vote on matters related to discipline of dentists or participate in examinations for licensing of dentists. The public member may not participate in grading any examination.
New Hampshire	6	2	1	0	The hygienist member shall not examine applicants for the clinical practice of dentistry. The public member shall not examine applicants in the clinical practice of dentistry or dental hygiene.
New Jersey	9	1	0	1	PhD/RN - Title 45:1-2.2 provides for a government representative
New Mexico	5	2	2	0	The dental hygiene committee must make a recommendation to the board before the board can act in matters pertaining to hygiene.
New York	15	4	3	1	assistant - Statute requires minimum 13 dentists and 3 hygienists, no maximum specified. 1999 A 4223 adds 1 certified DA to serve one year terms.
North Carolina	6	1	1	0	The dental hygienist or the consumer member cannot participate or vote in any matters of the Board which involves the issuance, renewal or revocation of the license to practice dentistry.
North Dakota	5	1	1	0	Hygienist may not vote on matters concerning dental licensure, or discipline of dentists.
Ohio	9	3	1	0	Limits dental specialists sitting on the board to two
Oklahoma	8	1	2	0	The board may appoint as advisors one hygienist and four persons who operate dental laboratories. At least one dentist member must practice an ADA approved specialty.
Oregon	6	2	2	0	One dentist must practice an ADA recognized specialty.
Pennsylvania	8	1	2	4	assist., consumer protection, Sec.Health, commissioner

Rhode Island	8	1	6	0	The chief of dental public health serves as an ex-officio member; 2013 SB 539 added the CDA and 2 dentists
South Carolina	8	2	1	0	Hygienist may not vote on examination for dental license. Public member may not vote on examination for dental or hygienist license.
South Dakota	5	1	1	0	
Tennessee	7	2	1	1	assistant
Texas	8	2	5	0	Prohibits public and hygienist members from participating in the clinical exams of dental license applicants.
Utah	6	2	1	0	
Vermont	6	2	2	1	assistant
Virginia	7	2	1	0	
Washington	12	0	2	2	expanded function dental auxiliaries
West Virginia	6	1	1	1	assistant
Wisconsin	6	3	2	0	
Wyoming	5	1	0	0	Hygienist may not act on matters involving dental license.
Average	7.0	1.7	1.7	0.4	
Standard Deviation	2.1	0.9	1.2	0.7	

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From: Dr. Lili Horton

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House of Representatives
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Chair: Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey
Vice Chair: Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami
Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

RE: HB2458, HD1 Hearing
Monday, February 24, 2014 2:10 pm
Conference Room 325
State Capitol

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

As President of the Hawaii Dental Association, we are submitting our written testimony in opposition to HB2458, HD1, Relating to Dentistry. However, I would like to take this opportunity to personally emphasize the reasons for this opposition:

Changing the board composition to fewer dentists, more hygienists, or even a smaller board size would jeopardize the mission of public safety and regulatory responsibilities of the Board of Dental Examiners. The proposed changes in this bill would decrease the level of board expertise provided only by licensed dentists, not hygienists or public members. Based on my attendance at the Board meetings, the Board:

- Critically evaluates applications for dental licenses
- Adopts a program of continuing education for dentists
- Discusses current and future regulatory issues, in particular the sedation procedures
- In closed session, discusses fraudulent activities by dentists
- Revokes dental licenses.

In the United States, membership on a dental board is never based on proportional representation of the dentists versus hygienists licensed in that state. In some states, hygienists may vote only on matters of dental hygiene. There is no aspect of any licensing board duties that requires the board to protect the interest of any profession or trade being licensed. Public safety and the expertise required to maintain that safety should always be the determining criteria for board makeup.

The proposed changes to the board composition would reduce the dentist representation on the board from 67% to 45%, which would be the lowest dentist representation in the nation. The current board composition is within

1% of the national average of all 50 states for both dentist and hygienist representation. There is no valid rationale to change the current board composition.

I believe it is very important to focus on maintaining the level of expertise necessary to properly regulate dental care in Hawaii and to protect the public. I appreciate the continued efforts of the House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee.

Most respectfully,

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Testimony in **Support** of HB2458 HD1 - Relating to The Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

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Editor in Chief – [Dimensions of Dental Hygiene](#)
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Date of Hearing: Monday, February 24 at 2:10 pm

House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Chair: Representative Angus McKelvey; Vice Chair: Representative Derek Kawakami

Dear Esteemed Members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

Thank you for attempting to revise the current Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners (BODE). I applaud your effort to make several much needed and overdue changes, and I strongly support this bill. I apologize for not being able to testify in person but I am on the mainland on business.

The BODE exists to protect the health of the public. In that role, it's important to understand that dentists and dental hygienists best serve the public when working together as a team. While the current BODE does consist of dentist and dental hygiene members, there is a large representation gap: 8 dentist members, 2 dental hygienist members and 2 public members. Recommendations to better balance the Board are not new – in 1993 a State Auditor's Report concluded, "dental hygienists need greater representation on the Board of Dental Examiners." The specific recommendation was to substitute 2 dental hygienist members for 2 dentist members with the net change resulting in 6 dentists, 3 dental hygienists, and 2 public members – still maintaining an 11-member Board. However, **the Board did not follow the recommendations of the Auditor's Report regarding increasing the number of dental hygienist members and decreasing the number of dentists**. Instead, it increased the number of dental hygienists by one and kept the same number of dentists, resulting in the 12-member Board that is in effect today. There was also a previous Auditor's Report made in 1984 where similar

recommendations were made regarding increasing dental hygienist member representation.

It's easy to see how the dental hygienist's voice, expertise, and perspective might not be reflected in Board actions due to the significantly higher number of dentist representation as compared to that of dental hygienists. A response by the State Auditor after its 1993 report noted with concern that the Board's failure to implement its recommendation missed the point: the ultimate direction of its recommendation was to create a "better *balanced* board since the interests of dental hygienist [members] may conflict with and be outweighed by those of the dentist [members]." The report found that the Board's alternative proposal of merely increasing the dental hygienist representation by one "would not achieve the needed balance."

Although serving the public is the overarching goal of the Board, group think by the dentist members could negate dental hygienist positions should there be a conflict. Therefore, it is advisable to balance the Board so the unique perspective of dental hygienists is not lost. As a point of clarification: the dental hygiene profession is regulated by the dental profession in Hawaii and dental hygienists rely on dentists for employment since they do not practice independently. **This is a key point – dental hygienists are regulated by another profession, and simultaneously employed and salaried by that same profession.**

It's important to understand that dental hygienists and dentists both play very important but very different roles in oral health care. Dental hygienists focus on prevention of diseases while dentists focus on treatment of diseases. In today's healthcare environment, prevention is gaining more prominence. Therefore, ensuring that the voice of prevention is strengthened on the Board could ultimately benefit the public. In addition, just as dentists are better qualified to oversee the dental profession, dental hygienists are better qualified to oversee the educational and regulatory standards of dental hygienists. Similar to how nursing Boards oversee that profession, it only makes sense that dental hygienists should have a stronger say in regulating theirs.

If one considers Board representation based on the number of licensees in Hawaii, the current numbers don't reflect equality. Based on recently released statistics, 1 dental hygienist member represents 520 licensed hygienists while 1 dentist member represents 190 licensed dentists. There are over 2 ½ times the number of dentist Board representative members for total dentist licensees as compared to the number of dental hygienist representation for total dental hygienist licensees.

The current over-representation of dentist members was devised initially because the BODE administered its own exams and needed the dentist members to be administrators. This is no longer the case since Hawaii does not administer its own Board exam. In addition, dental hygienist members are now taking on a more active role than was the case in 1993. With only two dental hygienist members, it's difficult to:

- Serve as officials and examiners by representing Hawaii within regional licensing entities and national professional regulatory organization

- Sit on and chair subcommittees of the Board
- Independently review CE audits and other Board matters
- Research dental hygiene issues pertaining to Board business
- Present Board testimony at legislative hearings

In addition, if there is an absence of a dental hygiene member at any BODE meeting the dental hygiene voice is limited even further

It is also appropriate to re-name the 'Board of Dental Examiners' as the 'Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.' The Board is no longer an examining body for Hawaii state licensure. And since the Board regulates both the profession of dentistry and the profession of dental hygiene, that should be reflected in its title. I would also suggest this change to the document: removing Section 3 as it seems redundant and contradictory to Section 4, which reflects the intent of the Bill. Furthermore, stipulating that at least one dentist member have a background in public health dentistry or a license in community service dentistry would strengthen a commitment to underserved populations. This language was included in the original version of the bill but is eliminated in HD1.

In conclusion, an objection to changing the composition and title of the Board may be that the status quo is working, and that there is no shown need to make any changes. **There are documented instances in the past where this is not the case.** Furthermore, I would challenge that objection with the question: how much better could it be? Just as pertinent, it has been 21 years since a revision of the Board, and even that change resulted in only one additional dental hygiene member. Since dental hygienists focus on prevention of oral diseases, having both licensed members of the oral health care team adequately represented on the Board might give more prominence to issues regarding prevention and access. Ultimately, this would enable the Board to better achieve its goal to serve and protect the public.

Thank you for your time.

In Support of HB2458

My name is Gerraine Hignite, I am a registered dental hygienist licensed to practice in the state of Hawaii. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene from the University of Hawaii Manoa in 2005. I was a single parent raising a 12 yr old girl, working full-time and going to college part-time for approximately seven years in order to be a productive citizen of Hawaii.

We did receive rental assistance from the state as well as food stamps for a couple of years while continuing to work towards my goal of becoming a dental hygienist. It was always in my heart to give back to the community during school as well as the present.

I've been a participant in Special Olympics Special Smiles, American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, Fern Elementary's health fairs, as well as attending the Oral Health Task Force meetings. I am team captain for Puu Hina Place Neighborhood Security Watch on my street in Pearl City.

My interest in SB2501 is for better representation of dental hygienists in the interest of the public. Yes, we work under direct supervision of the dentist in a private setting but it doesn't mean we should not be part of a team. This should not be a David vs Goliath event, wish we could just get along. Please consider looking at the bill as a way to improve access to care in the community as a health care provider.

I have utmost respect for my bosses (I'm working at different offices) and hope to continue our goal of providing dental care with the public's interest in mind.

Sincerely,

Gerraine Hignite

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Monday , February 24, 2014

2:10 PM

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Dear Chairman McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Glenn Okihiro, DDS and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 relating to the Board of Dentistry. My biggest concern is changing the duty of the Board of Dental Examiners from public safety to representation of dental hygienists. The state boards across the country have mission statements focusing on public safety and regulating standards and testing criteria of the regulated profession. This duty to the public is not relegated to just the Boards of Dental Examiners, but across all the boards such electricians, contractors, barbers, etc.

The national average of dentists on Boards of Dental Examiners is 7 with dental hygienists averaging 1.8. We need to keep the focus on expertise to protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists. Many states do not allow hygienist to vote on matters outside dental hygiene.

Dentists average 4 years of college and 4 years of dental school with specialty programs running up to 5 years in additional training. Dental Hygienists training programs across the country run from 2 years to 4 years. The dentist is responsible for patient safety and the supervision of the dental hygienist.

Again please don't change the mission of the Board of Dental Examiners from public safety to representation of dental hygienist licensees.

Sincerely,

Glenn Okihiro, DDS

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The Hawai'i House of Representatives COMMITTEE on CONSUMER PROTECTION and
COMMERCE

Monday, February 24, 2014 Room 325 2:10 pm

Testimony in **opposition** to HB 2458, HD1; HB 2459, HD1

Representative McKelvey, Chair; Representative Kawakami Vice-Chair; honored members of the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these issues affecting the dental health of the people of
Hawai'i. I'm a general dentist with 30 years of practice in the State of Hawai'i and as a previous officer
of the Hawai'i Dental Association, I've provided testimony on a variety of issues.

I oppose HB 2458, HD1 which would change the membership and structure of the Hawai'i Board of
Dental Examiners. Governor Abercrombie has only recently signed the revised Rules for the Practice
of Dentistry in Hawai'i. This comes only after an 8 year comprehensive review and revision by this
Dental Board. Change of the makeup of the Board would unduly compromise the ability of the Board
to carry out its duties.

I oppose HB 2459, HD1 which requires a dentist to obtain written permission from the Board of Dental
Examiners in prescribing or administering general anesthesia or conscious/ unconscious sedation.
While well intentioned, there have been recent changes to the Hawai'i Dental Rules which essentially
obviates this measure. I earnestly hope that we give these Rules changes a chance.

At this time, I would hope that wholesale changes to the way health care is delivered and overseen
should not be implemented without the oversight of a newly appointed Department of Health Director,
be it Dr. Rosen or whomever our Governor and Legislature deem to be qualified.

Again, mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony on these measures.

Darrell Teruya, DDS

Past President (2008) Hawai'i Dental Association

Testimony in Support of HB2458, Relating to The Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Tori Clegg, RDH, BS

February 19, 2014

Dear Respected Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce:

As a licensed hygienist practicing in the state of Hawaii for 5 years, I fully support HB2458.

Changing the name from Board of Dental Examiners to Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene better reflects the actions involved in governing two professions, Dentistry **and** Dental Hygiene. The BODE exists to protect the health of the public. In that role, it's important to understand that dentists and dental hygienists best serve the public when working together as a team.

While the current BODE does consist of dentist and dental hygiene members, there is a large representation discrepancy. Adding a more balanced number of dental hygienists to the Board will only enhance safe public access to care. Dental hygienists work to promote public health and increase safe access to care. Adding 2 hygienists to the Board will allow dentists to maintain a majority representation should this measure pass, but a better balance will be achieved.

Please give your consideration to making this positive change in the name and structure of the Dental and Dental Hygiene Board.

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Loren Liebling	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Loren Liebling 579 E Keolu Dr. Kailua, HI 96734 Hawaii State Capitol House of Representatives House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce Chair: Representative Angus L. K. McKelvey Vice Chair: Representative Derek S. K. Kawakami Members: Representatives Della Au Belatti, Chris Lee, Tom Brower, Mark M. Nakashima, Romy M. Cachola, Marcus R. Oshiro, Richard Creagan, Cliff Tsuji, Cindy Evans, Ryan L. Yamane, Sharon E. Har, Bob Mc Dermott, Ken Ito, Cynthia Thielen. Regarding: HB 2458 Hearing Monday, February 24, 2014 2:10 PM Conference Room 325 State Capitol Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, My name is Loren Liebling and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 relating to the Board of Dentistry. My biggest concern is that this bill changes the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners from the protection of public safety to the representation of dental hygienists. All state dental boards across the country have clear mission statements focused on public safety. This duty to protect the public is not required of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners alone, but is required of all of Hawaii's many regulating and licensing boards including contractors, barbers, physicians, etc. Nationally, the average number of dentists sitting on state dental boards is 7, whereas the average number of dental hygienists sitting on these regulatory boards is 1.8. That is because dentists are the recognized experts in dentistry (a profession that includes the all of the procedures authorized to be accomplished by dental hygienists) and can apply that expertise to most effectively protect the public safety in all situations. In fact, many state dental boards do not allow hygienist board members to vote on any matters before them other than matters specifically related to dental hygiene. Please note that all dentists attend four years of college and four years of dental school and some attend specialty programs running up to an additional five years in post doctoral training. Dental hygiene training programs in Hawaii, and across the country, run from two years to four years. In all cases, and in all circumstances, only the dentist is responsible for patient safety, for treatment outcomes, and for the supervision of the work of all dental auxiliaries including the dental hygienist. We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists. Sincerely, Loren David Liebling Kailua

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Testimony in Support of **HB 2458 - RELATNG TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
AND DENTAL HYGIENE**

Sierra Spruce, RDH

I strongly urge you to support HB 2458. The changes this Bill makes in the composition of the BODE by including more dental hygienist representation, truly reflects a more proportionate and balanced board. There are 2 hygienists on the BODE representing the voice of 1040 licensed hygienists in the state, while 8 dentists represent the 1526 licensed dentists in the state. Oftentimes the concerns of the dental hygiene profession are not represented on the BODE fairly because of this inequality.

This Board has the responsibility of protecting the public and governing the issues of both dentists and hygienists. Historically in Hawaii, dental hygienists have been very active in seeking ways to provide excellent preventive care to all citizens especially to the underserved and our keiki. We can provide a different perspective on many issues that come before the BODE, and especially on issues relating to our own profession.

Also, since this Board no longer conducts examinations for dentists or hygienists to be licensed in Hawaii, why not have the name of the Board more accurately reflect it's function by renaming it Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.

Mahalo for your consideration of support on HB 2458

Sierra Spruce, RDH

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HB2458

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kimberly schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee. I support these changes to create better balance between the restorative aspect of dentistry and the preventive. Both groups deserve equal representation. Thank you.

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Testimony in Support of HB2458, Relating to The Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Tricia Jinbo, RDH, BS

February 19, 2014

Dear Respected Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce:

As a practicing, licensed hygienist in the state of Hawaii for 11 years, I am in full support of **HB2458**. This bill will bring a change to the change to the name of the Hawaii Board Of Dental Examiners as well as a change in composition. Currently there are 8 dentists, 2 hygienists and 2 public members on the Board. **HB2458** will increase the number of dental hygienists on the Board to 4, as well as, reducing the number of dentists to 5 along with 2 public members.

Changing the name from Board of Dental Examiners to Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene more accurately reflects the licensing agency of two professions, Dentistry AND Dental Hygiene. Also, the term "Examiners" does not truly show all the duties performed by Board members.

Adding a more balanced number of dental hygienists to the Board will only enhance safe public access to care. Dental hygienists have demonstrated, over the years, an interest in opportunities to promote public health and increase safe access to care through formal standardized education, regulated competency testing, and licensure. Dentists will still maintain a majority should this measure pass, but a better balance will be achieved.

Please give your consideration to making this positive change in the structure of the Dental and Dental Hygiene Board.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Sena Hiradate

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Malia K.P. Kamisugi, D.D.S., M.S.D. and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Malia Kamisugi

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My name is Mark Watanabe, DDS and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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Sincerely,

Mark Watanabe, DDS

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My biggest concern is that this bill changes the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners from the protection of public safety to the representation of dental hygienists. All state dental boards across the country have clear mission statements focused on public safety. This duty to protect the public is not required of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners alone, but is required of all of Hawaii's many regulating and licensing boards including contractors, barbers, physicians, etc.

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cases, and in all circumstances, only the dentist is responsible for patient safety, for treatment outcomes, and for the supervision of the work of all dental auxiliaries including the dental hygienist.

We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists.

Sincerely,

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Regarding: HB 2458 HD1 Hearing
Monday, February 24, 2014
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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Aurelia Bonham, I am a licensed and practicing dental specialist on Maui and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

- All state dental boards across the country have clear mission statements focused on public safety. This duty to protect the public is required of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners as well.
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- It is a fact that in the United States, membership on a dentistry licensing board is never based even representation of the dentists versus hygienists licensed in that state. The proposed changes to the board composition would reduce the representation of highly trained Dentists with much less trained in the dental field hygienists on the Board of Dental Examiners which would be the lowest dentist representation in the nation. Nationally, the average number of dentists present on state dental boards is 7, whereas the average number of dental hygienists present in these these regulatory boards is 1.8. That is because dentists are the recognized experts in dentistry. Dentists are trained in all of the procedures authorized to be accomplished by dental hygienists but not vice verse. Thus, realistically only Dentists can apply that expertise to most effectively protect the public safety in all situations. In fact, many state dental boards do not allow hygienist board members to vote on any matters before them

other than matters specifically related to dental hygiene. Thus it is a huge concern that this bill is even proposed here in Hawaii and here are more reasons why:

Please note that all dentists attend four years of college and four years of dental school and some attend specialty programs running up to an additional five years in post doctoral training (I personally have additional 2 year of training as a dental specialist - 10 years total of college/dental education). Dental hygiene training programs in Hawaii, and across the country, run from two years to four years (does not even require a full college degree). In all cases, and in all circumstances, only the dentist is responsible for patient safety, for treatment outcomes, and for the supervision of the work of all dental auxiliaries including the dental hygienist. and it makes sense as its all based on the training. I can't imagine **how a Hygienist can evaluate what is correct or necessary to improve when it comes to protecting the public regarding the work that is done by a dentist or a specialist.** Even more questionable is their expertise on adjusting licensing requirements that in turn directly translate into safety of the public (e.g sedation licensing, anesthesia, that's is not even mentioning the simple fillings or crowns or any dental specialty work) - this is a direct public safety concern as the hygienists are simply not trained in any of that). I believe that Hygienists are valuable in the work they do each day in our society but not by adding their positions onto the Dental board members.

This proposition is absolutely not in the interest of the public but in the interest of one small group- the dental hygienists (not even sure what is their agenda and how one would justify that they can protect the public better?). Please note I have no personal interest in this at all as I do not employ any dental hygienist (their field is not directly associated with my specialty), but this proposition concerns me deeply and purely as the Hawaii State public safety concern. (What's next? - are the nurses will be deciding whats right and whats not for the Hawaii public regarding the physicians and surgeons?)

We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the

public, especially our dental patients and not change it to represent dental hygienists.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Re:
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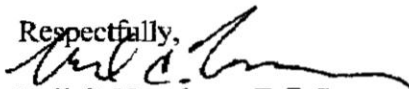
Honorable Chair McKelvey,

My name is Neil C. Nunokawa and I am practicing dentist on Maui. I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 2458 for the following reasons:

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- It is a fact that the board has no role in protecting or advancing the interests of any profession or trade being licensed.
- It is a fact that by passing this bill, the expertise available on the Board of Dental Examiners will be largely reduced to the level of dental hygiene. This will put the people of Hawaii at risk, especially on complex oral health issues like sedation and dentists licensing criteria. In fact, the retention of high level expertise in the hands of dentists is so important that many other state boards never allow hygienists to vote on board matters other than dental hygiene.

I appreciate your continued efforts and focus to help protect, not only the people of Maui, but to protect everyone in the state of Hawaii. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of my opposition testimony to this bill.

Respectfully,



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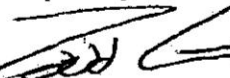
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Honorable Chair McKelvey,

My name is Brady Shirota and I am practicing dentist on Maui. I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 2458 for the following reasons:

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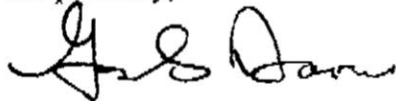
Honorable Chair McKelvey,

My name is Gregory S. Davis and I am practicing dentist on Molokai. I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 2458 for the following reasons:

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House Bill 2458, Relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

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My name is Randall Yee and I am practicing dentist on Maui. I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 2458 for the following reasons:

- It is a fact that in the United States, membership on a dentistry licensing board is never based on proportional representation of the dentists versus hygienists licensed in that state. Public safety and the expertise required to maintain that safety should always be the determining criteria for Board makeup. The proposed changes to the board composition would reduce the dentists' representation on the Board of Dental Examiners (BDE) from 67% to 45%, which would be the lowest dentist representation in the nation.
- It is a fact that the primary duty of the Board of Dental Examiners (BDE) is to protect the people of Hawaii and ensure the competency of dentists seeking a Hawaii license. Dentists must graduate from a four year college and a four year dental school. That is eight years of education. Dental hygiene training requires no college degree and varies in length from 2 to 4 years. All hygienists in the United States are trained with the expectation that they will be supervised at all times by dentists. It is a fact that the board has no role in protecting or advancing the interests of any profession or trade being licensed.
- It is a fact that by passing this bill, the expertise available on the Board of Dental Examiners will be largely reduced to the level of dental hygiene. This will put the people of Hawaii at risk, especially on complex oral health issues like sedation and dentists licensing criteria. In fact, the retention of high level expertise in the hands of dentists is so important that many other state boards never allow hygienists to vote on board matters other than dental hygiene.

I appreciate your continued efforts and focus to help protect, not only the people of Maui, but to protect everyone in the state of Hawaii. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of my opposition testimony to this bill.

Respectfully,

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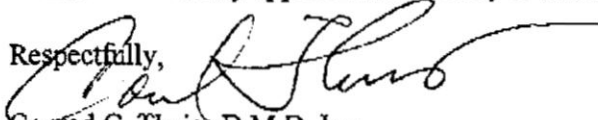
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My name is Conrad Theiss and I am practicing dentist on Maui. I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 2458 for the following reasons:

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Re: HD2458 HD1 RELATING TO BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE

Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

Date: February 24, 2014

Time: 2:10pm

Place: House Conference Room 325

**Dear Honorable Representative McKelvey, Chair; Honorable Representative Kawakami, Vice Chair,
and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:**

This testimony is in **support** of **HB 2458, HD1, as written.**

My name is Diane Brucato-Thomas, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH. I have been a practicing a practicing dental hygienist in good standing since 1979; am a former Anesthesia Examiner for *Western Regional Examining Board*, and a longstanding member of the *American Association of Dental Boards* (formerly known as the *American Board of Dental Examiners*) since the mid 1980's. Living in Pahoehoe, I practiced in Kona for 14 years and presently in Hilo. I have always taken an active role in leadership; volunteered in my community, island, and state; attended almost every *Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners(HBODE)* meeting since 2007 (many before that); and even turned in **two** applications for a position on *HBODE*. Presently, I am serving my second year on the *Regulated Industries Complaints Office's (RICO) Dental Advisory Committee*.

Changing the name from *Board of Dental Examiners* to *Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene* more accurately reflects the governing agency of two professions. One that is more directed to properly treat dental diseases and one that is focused on prevention of dental diseases. As the bill states, Dental Hygiene is the only licensed profession controlled and governed by another profession. (Dentists not only regulate, but employ dental hygienists.) In addition, while acting as a pool of dental examiners was the original purpose of the Board, currently, there is no Hawaii Dental or Dental Hygiene Examination (as noted in the omission of such in the newly adopted HAR Chapter 79). Instead, the ADEX national board or CRDTS regional exams are accepted for licensure. While the members of the Board **may choose** to act as examiners for the regional boards, they are **not required** to do so.

Changing the proportion of representation of dentists and dental hygienists on the Board, as this bill would require, could have **far reaching advantage in the interest of public health and access to dental care**. Of primary interest is the **shift in perspective** that would come from including a majority (3 of 5) of dentist board members being from outer islands (with two from Oahu) and requiring one of the five to have a background in public health, as outer island dentists tend to be more concerned with the needs of the rural communities where access to care is difficult. The dentists on the Board would still have a majority vote AND their perspective would likely be more productive and conducive to increasing safe public access to care. From that perspective alone, this bill is brilliant.

Adding a more proportionate number of dental hygienists to the Board will only magnify the effect, as dental hygienists have demonstrated (as prevention specialists and through their testimonies over the years) a keen interest in opportunities to promote public health and safe access to care through formal standardized education, regulated testing of competency, and licensure. Dental hygienists are great assets to the community and grossly underutilized resources.

Over the years, the dental hygienists in Hawaii have demonstrated that they are professionals with a high degree of integrity and ethics. We respect the rules, truly care for people, and want to do what is right for safe preventative care. This bill, should it become law, would have dental hygienists, with their unique perspective, play **a more equitable role in protecting the public.**

This bill has the potential to affect the public in a most positive way. Please support HB 2458, HD1, as written. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Comments: I have been a Public Member of the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners for 8 years, 2nd term ended June 2013. My concern was and still is for Public Safety. While serving on the Board for perhaps 6 of those years, served on a committee whose goal was to revise Rules & Regulations. During this time I was surprised to see that the HDA was intent on changing the Rules to allow procedures on patients by unlicensed employees that I DID NOT FEEL WERE SAFE. On several occasions, the committee and the Board agreed on procedures, but the HDA kept returning with repeat demands to make it happen. In some of the cases there were procedures that could or should have been done by a Dental Hygienist, but HDA thought an unlicensed person could safely do it. My feeling is that the overwhelming number of Dentists serving on Board was in too large a relationship to the number of Dental Hygienists, so a more equitable decision would be to allow more Hygienists on the Board. This Bill should be passed, it's the right thing to do. Few notes on my background: Employed in California for over 22 years, holding a Registered Dental Assistant License with Coronal Polishing Permit.

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Regarding: HB 2458 HD1 Hearing
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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Dr Errol Y.W. Yim and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

My biggest concern is that this bill changes the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners from the protection of public safety to the representation of dental hygienists. All state dental boards across the country have clear mission statements focused on public safety. This duty to protect the public is not required of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners alone, but is required of all of Hawaii's many regulating and licensing boards including contractors, barbers, physicians, etc.

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Sincerely,

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My name is Stephanie Austria and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Austria

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Tracie Asleson and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Bonnie S.L. Lau, DDS and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

I have been in private practice in Honolulu for the past 25 years and during that time also worked with and served as dental director for the non profit MobileCare program on the Big Isle for some 13 years. I had the opportunity to work with many general dentists, specialists and dental hygienists. I am opposed to having the representation of dentists on the Dental Board of Examiners changed.

In short, dental hygiene input is important but their training only involves one very focused area, the supporting tissues of the teeth. They do not have training in any of the other many

aspects that make up oral health and ultimately your overall health. I believe it would be a disservice to the people of Hawaii not to have the most experienced individuals help to guide their healthcare.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Candice McMullan-vogel, a licensed and practicing dentist in Hawaii, and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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Hygienists cannot practice independently.

They must practice under the supervision of a Hawaii licensed dentist. It is the dentist who is held fully accountable and liable for the patient's care and welfare. We must carry significant malpractice insurance for this very reason.

Dentists are educated to diagnose and offer patient care for each individual patient. It is the dentist, only, who is held responsible for each patient's care and treatment consequences. We complete at least 4 years of graduate training in dentistry. We are educated to be aware of any physical, emotional and medical issues that might go into our diagnosis and treatment planning for each patient. We work with hygienists and dental

assistants to provide dental care as a team. However, we are the ones that bear the responsibility for the treatment provided and the burden of this responsibility.

I do not know what the intention is behind reducing the number of dentists on the Board. If the bill's sponsors are truly concerned about the welfare of dental patients, then they might be being misled or are misinformed about the consequences of this change.

Respectfully,
Candice McMullan-vogel DDS

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is **Remina James** and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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Sincerely,

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Re: HB 2458 HD1 Hearing

Honorable Chair Angus McKelvey and Vice Chair Derek Kawakami, and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Curt Shimizu, a licensed dentist in Hawaii for 30 years, and a full time practitioner on Oahu. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458.

This bill is adding hygienists and reducing the number of dentists from a Board that is discussing dentistry in the public sector. Though an important segment of dentistry, please know that the practice of hygiene is supervised by dentists and often done by dentists themselves. There are encompassing areas of dental specialties and many treatments beyond hygiene that are being discussed by Board members. And, there will be discussions on competency dealing with dental care and treatment choices that surely should require a panel of individuals that have knowledge by experience, not by what others may tell them.

Reducing the number of dentists on the Board will diminish the Board's ability to carefully dissect issues involving clinical concerns and reduce the number of opinions from a private practitioner's viewpoint. Looking at this in another way, a successful company looking to fill its Board will likely select individuals that have proven track records in business and can contribute to discussions with understanding derived from their past experiences and knowledge gained from perfecting their craft. Hawaii's public safety can be scrutinized best with the most knowledgeable individuals in the dental field: dentists. Keeping the current ratio or increasing the number of dentists would make best sense.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458.

Sincerely,

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We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists.

Sincerely,

kawakami3-Benigno

From: Bert Sumikawa <bert@sumidds.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 3:59 PM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

From Bert M. Sumikawa, D.D.S.

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Bert M. Sumikawa, D.D.S.

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To: CPCtestimony
Subject: HB2458 HD1

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

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Sincerely,

Wayne S H Leong, DDS

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From: Bryan Tamura <bryantamura@gmail.com>
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Bryan Tamura

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Bryan Tamura and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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Sincerely,

Bryan Tamura.

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Jochen Madeisky and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

I am concerned that this bill changes the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners from the protection of public safety to political representation of dental hygienists. This is contrary to the mission of the Dental Board of Examiners. Hawaii's current dental board has 5 doctors to 2 hygienists. Dentists are the recognized and credentialed experts in dentistry who can apply that expertise to most effectively protect the public safety in all matters before the board.

In Hawaii dental hygienists are not allowed to treat any patient without the direct supervision of a licensed doctor of dentistry. As these auxiliary personnel are restricted in their scope of practice they lack the necessary expertise on matters not relating directly to the practice of dental hygiene. The current allocation of 2 board positions for dental hygienists brings a valued perspective without compromising the boards ability to address the matters before it. To change the board composition will only serve to dilute the expertise that now exists on the board. As legislators you must ask how will this change improve oversight & protect the public better than the current board. The clear answer is that it will not improve the ability to complete the board's mission, it will impair it. There is a huge disparity in educational requirements between doctors of dentistry & that of a dental hygienist. Required training for dental hygiene licensure in Hawaii is the completion of a

minimum two year certification course & a passing grade on the board examinations. Doctors of dentistry have completed a course of study which typically includes 4 years of under graduate college study followed by an additional four years of intensive graduate study. We need to keep the Board of Dental Examiners staffed with the most qualified individuals in the field of dentistry, their expertise is mission critical in protecting the public.

I urge you to oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Jochen Madeisky, DDS

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Ben Kawasaki, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

This **bill intends to change the focus** of the Board of Dental Examiners from the **protection of public safety** to the **representation of dental hygienists**.

The Purpose of state dental boards is to focus on Public Safety. All of Hawaii's many regulating and licensing board's including contractors, barbers, physicians, etc. purpose is to try to Protect the Public's Interests and Safety.

Nationally, the average number of dentists sitting on state dental boards is 7, whereas the average number of dental hygienists sitting on these regulatory boards is 1.8. That is because dentists are the recognized experts in dentistry (a profession that includes the all of the procedures authorized to be accomplished by dental hygienists) and can apply that expertise to most effectively protect the public safety. As you may know, many state dental boards do not allow hygienist board members to vote on any matters before them other than matters specifically related to dental hygiene. Note **Dental Cleanings are a very small part of Dental Practice.**

Please note that dentists can attend four years of college, four years of dental school, 1-2 year General Practice Residencies and 2-6 yr specialty programs. Remember that **graduate levels acquaint one to Nationally renown Authors, Researchers and Legends in our Fields**. Dental hygiene

training programs in Hawaii, and across the country, run from two years to four years , **basically undergraduate levels of didactic material** . In all cases, and in all circumstances, only the dentist is responsible for patient safety, treatment outcomes, and the supervision of the work of all dental auxiliaries including the dental hygienist. **For this reason the Liability always belongs to the Dentist as Liability is always assigned to the most knowledgeable and credentialed member of a team.**

As you recall some years ago when a law suit was brought against our Dental Board by numbers of failed Dental License Candidates, Dentist to Dentist conversations were required. If this bill becomes law and future legal issues arise, our State Board may be ill prepared to represent the People of Hawaii by design of this bill.

Sincerely,

Ben Kawasaki DDS,

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Carla Fukumoto and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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Sincerely,

Carla C. Fukumoto, DDS

February 21, 2014

To Whom It May Concern re: HB2458 HD1

Please accept this testimony in opposition to HB2458 HD1. I am a mother of two small children and like many busy parents, I have always taken for granted that governing agencies and regulations exist which provide the public certain protections. Up until recently, I haven't paid much attention to the credentialing process that dentists seeking licensure in Hawaii undergo. I just assumed, that again, capable systems were in place to protect consumers in our community and help ensure that dental professionals meet high and exacting standards before being licensed here.

The recent tragedy in Kailua involving the death of a three year old girl following a trip to the dentist has given me pause and made me realize we all need to pay attention, become informed and get involved. We need to hold ourselves responsible for ensuring our protection. This is why I feel the need to express my concern about the proposal to change the make-up of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. It is my understanding that HB2458 HD1 calls for decreasing the number of dentists on the board, a move I do not understand the motive for. It seems to me, the best people qualified to determine the standards those seeking licensure in dental professions in Hawaii should meet are upstanding Hawaii licensed dentists.

I hope that you, our elected representatives whom we entrust to help safeguard us and our children will find it prudent to keep the composition of the Hawaii Board of Dental of Examiners as is, allowing those with the most training and experience in their field to serve their profession and their community well. Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Lori J. Letoto

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From: alan ing <alaningdds@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 11:05 PM
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FROM - Alan Ing, DDS

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We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan Ing DDS

Sent from my iPad

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From: Lorelyn Neuberg <skyræ6590@yahoo.com>
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Sincerely,

Lorelyn F. Neuberg

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Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2014 8:31 AM
To: CPCtestimony
Subject: HB2458 HD1 Hearing

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Sincerely,

Mokihana K.L Yuen

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Subject: HB 2458 HD1

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Kathleen Rowley and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

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We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Rowley DDS

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I would like to take this opportunity to testify against HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dental Examiners. As a former member of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners (BODE) serving from 2009-2013, I strongly feel that I can provide an objective view of the proposed legislation.

First and foremost, the primary duty and focus of the BODE is to look out for the safety and welfare of the general public who are your constituents. I can assure you that this bill which proposes to change the name and the composition of the BODE will not improve or increase public safety one iota. In fact, it could actually have the opposite effect if implemented by decreasing the number of dentists who to this day, remain the

qualified experts in the profession of dentistry. With the ever increasing changes in technology, science, and dental procedures, the dentist remains the best qualified person due to the increased level of dental education and required attendance at CE courses. Additionally, many dentists possess advanced degrees or a certificate from completing a post graduate or specialty residency program. In fact, under current State of Hawaii law, dental hygienists must practice under the auspices and supervision of a dentist. My letter is not meant to demean or denigrate another member of the dental profession as they are truly highly skilled and well trained in the focused area of dental hygiene. However, they have little to no training in sedation and anesthesia, implantology, and other areas of dentistry.

In the original version of this bill, there was a provision to dictate that that at least one dentist board members possess a background in public health dentistry or have a community health dental license. Unfortunately, this would do little to increase or improve public safety as it does not ensure that the best qualified dentist who is willing to serve would be appointed as it would actually create a quota system. Additionally, mandating that BODE members not be a participant in a dental testing agency would not improve public safety and could actually threaten it as it would lead to mainland and Hawaii licensing examiners who are not properly trained in dental testing, psychometric analysis, and have little to calibration on dental testing scoring criteria. This has the potential to result in less than highly qualified dentists obtaining a dental license in Hawaii.

I would strongly propose that DCCA look to improve the current process for selection to any board by increasing transparency, developing a clear and transparent application process, and totally eliminating the current political, backdoor system that is currently in place.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Sherman, D.M. D.
CAPT (ret), United States Navy

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

This makes no sense at all.

Hygienists are a valuable asset to the dental field in helping dentists care for their patients gums, home care and some specific practice needs.... but they do not compare to the knowledge and expertise that dentist have.

Out of dental hygiene school, they know only a small percent of what dentist know. Yes, they are very well educated and proficient in teeth and gum care. They are not educated and have no training or experience in preparing a tooth for a filling, crown or bridge, dentures, implants, oral surgery, endodontics and all the disciplines that go along in each area. Hygienist do not know much about treating occlusal problems and TMJ. They are also not familiar with the latest upcoming technology that the dental schools are now exposing to the dental students.

To give the hygienists that much voice on the Hawaii Dental Board is almost like letting the carpenter tell the contractor what to do. Their opinion is good but they do not know all the things that the contractor knows. A carpenter will think like a carpenter, with wood, hammer and nail. A contractor sees the whole picture of the project.

I have been a dentist in Hawaii for 26 years. I've been to many hands on classes in the mainland with other dentist from other states and countries. I can proudly tell you that the dentists in Hawaii are among the best in the United States. Our Board is directly responsible for that outcome.

If this bill is passed it will weaken the confidence of the Hawaii dentists in the State Dental Board.

This bill is good for the hygienist, but bad for the dentists and the people of Hawaii. I am totally opposed to the the passing of this bill - HB2458 HD1

Mahalo for your time and hard work.

Paul Tanaka

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Sincerely,

Joan M Greco DDS
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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Chester Naka. I am a dentist and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry. In my 40 years of practice, I have been rather proud of the dentistry I have seen in Hawaii's population. I believe this is the result of a principled and conscientious effort by the Board of Dental Examiners to bear responsibility, not so much to regulate, but to protect the safety of our people. This view may seem trite but we really do enjoy a trusting relationship in our dentists.

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Sincerely,

Chester Naka, DDS

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Ms. F. Gamiao	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm a practicing nurse that heard about this bill. I cannot believe you think the proposed changes would help to better regulate dentistry. Please DO NOT pass this bill. Think of Finely Boyle who died!

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Sincerely,

John Morioka, DDS.

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Allison P. Tran and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

My biggest concern is that this bill changes the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners from the protection of public safety to the representation of dental hygienists. All state dental boards across the country have clear mission statements focused on public safety. This duty to protect the public is not required of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners alone, but is required of all of Hawaii's many regulating and licensing boards including contractors, barbers, physicians, etc.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Dean T. Sueda, DDS, MS and I have practicing pediatric dentistry in Hawaii since 1980. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dental Examiners (BDE).

The big concern is that this bill changes the focus of the BDE from the PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY to the representation of dental hygienists. Every state dental board across our nation have a clear mission to protect public safety. The protection public safety is the main purpose of not only the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners but also the main purpose of Hawaii's other regulatory and licensing boards including physicians, barbers, pharmacists, contractors, etc.

Dentists attend four years of college, then get an additional four more years of dental school and some dentists enter specialty programs which is another two to five more years of training (which is a total of 8-13 years of professional training). Dental hygiene programs run from two to four years of training. Thus, dentists are recognized as the experts in dentistry, which includes all procedures that hygienists perform. In every situation and in every case, it is the dentist who is solely responsible for the patient's safety, the patient's treatment AND for the hygienists' work.

By decreasing the amount of dentists on the board and increasing the amount hygienists on the board, you would greatly reduce the level of dental expertise of the Board. This would be especially significant when difficult decisions need to be made regarding complex issues such as sedation, dental licensure and public safety.

As our elected officials, you have have an important obligation to protect the safety of Hawaii's people.

I humbly encourage you to vote 'NO' on HB 2458 HD1.

I sincerely want to thank you for your time and for allowing me to voice my opinion.

My Best Regards,

Dean T., Sueda, DDS, MS

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Sincerely,

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Kent Sato

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James M. Hori, DDS

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Sincerely,

MARK D. SAKURAI, D.D.S.
Diplomate, American Board of Endodontics

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My biggest concern is that this bill changes the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners from the protection of public safety to the representation of dental hygienists. All state dental boards across the country have clear mission statements focused on public safety. This duty to protect the public is not required of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners alone, but is required of all of Hawaii's many regulating and licensing boards including contractors, barbers, physicians, etc.

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We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matt Dodson

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Regarding: HB 2458 HD1 Hearing
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Michael Pampalon, DMD

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From

Steve Wilhite DDS
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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Dr. Steve Wilhite and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

My concerns are many but you have heard most of them. The main concern is that this bill changes the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners from the protection of public safety to the representation of dental hygienists. I fail to see how passing this bill meets your mission of protecting the Hawaii Consumer.

Sincerely,

Steve Wilhite DDS

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection And Commerce,

My name is Dr. Luke Y. Teruya, D.D.S. concern citizen and practicing dentist. Today I would like to speak in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to changing the composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I am a pediatric dentist with Pedodontic Associate, Inc. I have been in private practice for 29 years and been a Board certified Pediatric Dentist for 20 years. I am also on the Board of HMSA, Chief of Dental at Kapiolani Hospital for Women and Children, on the Licensing Board Advisory Committee for RICO, a member of American Academy of Pediatric Dentist, American Dental Association, Honolulu County Dental Association, Hawaii Academy of Pediatric Dentist.

HB 2458 HD1 would reduce the number of dentist members on the Board of Dental Examiners from 8 to 5. Recently the Guidelines for On-Site Inspection and Evaluation of Offices For Dentists Utilizing General Anesthesia have been adopted and need to be implemented. Members of the Board of Dental Examiners must inspect each office in order to verify compliance with these guidelines. Dental hygienists are not qualified or competent in the administration of sedation and would not be able to participate in this duty; thus, increasing the workloads for the Dentist members. Public safety, and the expertise required to maintain that safety, should always be the determining criteria for participation on the Board of Dental Examiners.

If your mission as the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce is to protect the people of Hawaii, this Committee should promote a Dental Board consisting of dentists who are able to make decisions relating to dental issues and the public safety and not dental hygienists who lack the expertise and educational background. And if House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce wants to make changes to the composition of the Board of Dental Examiners because of the increase of workloads and representation, you should increase member on both sides equally- two more dentist and two more hygienist. As a leader in this community and a representative for oral health interests of children, I urge you to vote against HB 2458 HD1.

Sincerely,

Luke Y. Teruya D.D.S.



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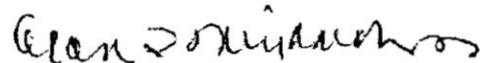
Honorable Chair McKelvey,

My name is Alan T. Miyamoto, DDS and I am a practicing dentist on Maui. I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 2458 for the following reasons:

- It is a fact that in the United States, membership on a dentistry licensing board is never based on proportional representation of the dentists versus hygienists licensed in that state. Public safety and the expertise required to maintain that safety should always be the determining criteria for Board makeup. The proposed changes to the board composition would reduce the dentists' representation on the Board of Dental Examiners (BDE) from 67% to 45%, which would be the lowest dentist representation in the nation.
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I appreciate your continued efforts and focus to help protect, not only the people of Maui, but to protect everyone in the state of Hawaii. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of my opposition testimony to this bill.

Respectfully,



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Honorable Chair McKelvey,

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Monday, February 24, 2014

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House Bill 2458, Relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Honorable Chair McKelvey,

My name is Earl Hasegawa and I am practicing dentist on Maui. I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 2458. Dentistry is a profession that is more than fillings and removing teeth. It has nine different recognized specialties: Orthodontics, Periodontics, Endodontics, Prosthodontics, Pedodontics, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Public Health Dentistry. In addition to the eight years it takes after high school to obtain a General Dentistry degree, those who choose to practice a specialty must sacrifice an additional 2-6 years of training to obtain their specialty recognition. Dental Hygiene is a component of dentistry that is most related to periodontal health. As you now know, it requires anywhere from 2-4 years of education and training after high school.

The Dental Board is responsible for all these areas mentioned and recently has had to tackle such complex issues related to anesthesia and pharmacology that have nothing to do with dental hygiene. Do you really want to have the Hawaii State Dental Board be comprised of nearly 50% Dental Hygiene members? The decisions of the Board are to be guided by the need for public safety and quality of care. It should not be guided by the need to be a sounding board for any particular subcomponent of dentistry, nor should it be place for political manipulation.

I truly appreciate your continued efforts and focus to help protect, not only the people of Maui, but to protect everyone in the state of Hawaii. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of my opposition testimony to this bill.

Respectfully,



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February 21, 2014

House Bill 2458, Relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Honorable Chair McKelvey,

My name is Chris Chow and I am practicing dentist on Maui. I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 2458 for the following reasons:

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Respectfully,

Chris Chow

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From: Kenji Uejo DDS, 1562 Hoomoana Place, Pearl City, HI 96782

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RE: HB 2458 HD1 Hearing

Monday, February 24, 2014

2:10 PM, Conference Room 325
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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Kenji Uejo and I would like to thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to the Board of Dentistry.

Nationally, the average number of dentists on state dental boards is 7, whereas the average number of dental hygienists sitting on these regulatory boards is 1.8. The fact is, many state dental boards do not allow hygienist board members to vote on any matters before them other than matters specifically related to dental hygiene. Further, it is the dentist himself who remains fully responsible for all procedures performed in a dental office including those procedures performed by dental hygienists.

I personally support any effort to promote the image and status of the Dental Hygiene Society. However, I sincerely believe that the goal of the Board of Dental Examiners should never stray from its primary focus which is to protect the public safety and thusly, not a tool to be used to promote individual groups or professions.

Sincerely, Kenji Uejo DDS

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From: Dr. Lynn Fujimoto, 98-660 Papalealii St, Aiea, Hi 96701

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Dear Chair McKelvey and members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

My name is Dr. Lynn Fujimoto and I am the President of the Hawaii Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. I am speaking in opposition to HB 2458 HD1 relating to changing the composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I have been in private practice of Pediatric Dentistry for over thirty years and the Hawaii Academy of Pediatric Dentistry is the state component of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD). The AAPD is the recognized authority on children's oral health that promotes evidence-based policies and clinical guidelines, and represents over 8800 members of the specialty of Pediatric Dentistry.

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Sincerely,

Lynn K. Fujimoto DMD

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Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL. The Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the people of Hawaii and not to "represent the dental hygienists agendas". Having more hygienists on the Board would not prevent another tragic death in the dental office. How are hygenist qualified to inspect dental offices that are required by Rep. Belatti's HB2459 on sedation?

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Sean Holliday, DDS, MS

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My biggest concern is that this bill changes the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners from the protection of public safety to the representation of dental hygienists. All state dental boards across the country have clear mission statements focused on public safety. This duty to protect the public is not required of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners alone, but is required of all of Hawaii's many regulating and licensing boards including contractors, barbers, physicians, etc.

Nationally, the average number of dentists sitting on state dental boards is 7, whereas the average number of dental hygienists sitting on these regulatory boards is 1.8. That is because dentists are the recognized experts in dentistry (a profession that includes all of the procedures authorized to be accomplished by dental hygienists) and can apply that expertise to most effectively protect the public safety in all situations. In fact, many state dental boards do not allow hygienist board members to vote on any matters before them other than matters specifically related to dental hygiene.

Please note that all dentists attend four years of college and four years of dental school and some attend specialty programs running up to an additional five years in post doctoral training. Dental hygiene training programs in Hawaii, and across the country, run from two years to four years. In all cases, and in all circumstances, only the dentist is responsible for patient safety, for treatment

outcomes, and for the supervision of the work of all dental auxiliaries including the dental hygienist. Also by changing the level of expertise of the Dental Board you set a precedent that can affect all occupations that are regulated by the State of Hawaii. We need to keep the focus of the Board of Dental Examiners on expertise so we can protect the public and not change it to represent dental hygienists.

Sincerely,

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specialty programs running up to an additional five years in post doctoral training. Dental hygiene training programs in Hawaii, and across the country, run from two years to four years. Similarly, Medical Doctors are highly trained and skilled in comparison to nurses. In all cases, and in all circumstances, only the dentist is responsible for patient safety, for treatment outcomes, and for the supervision of the work of **all dental auxiliaries including the dental hygienist**. Dental hygienists work under the direct supervision of dentists, period, hence they are not allowed to open their own hygiene private practices or clinics. Every dentist who has employed a hygienist knows that although they may be able to perform their duty of teeth cleaning, they know very little of dentistry as a whole.

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Sincerely,

Craig Haruki