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**WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 343, S.D. 1, RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH.**

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Marilyn Nonaka, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify and offer comments on Senate Bill No. 343, S.D. 1, Relating to Dental Health.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 343, S.D. 1, is as follows: (1) Require the Director of Health to participate in the national oral health surveillance system, a national database managed by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Associations of State and Territorial Dental Directors; (2) Permit dental hygienists to apply preventative sealants in a school-based dental sealant program, in consultation with a licensed dentist or a federally qualified health care facility; (3) Require the Department of Health to establish and administer a school-based dental sealant program in a high-need demonstration school; (4) Require the Department of Health to report to the legislature about the Department's efforts to prioritize prevention of tooth decay

amongst the State's children; and 5) Appropriate funds to establish and administer a school-based dental sealant program in a high-need demonstration school, including plans to implement the program on a statewide level.

The Board has not had an opportunity to meet and discuss Senate Bill No. 343, S.D. 1, and apologizes for not having a position at this time.

In previous testimony relating to Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 343, the Board sought clarification as to whether a licensed dentist had to pre-screen and authorize the sealant procedure, or merely be available for consultation. Senate Draft 1 now clarifies that dental hygienists can apply preventative sealants, in consultation with a licensed dentist, in a school-based dental sealant program established pursuant to an Act that may be passed, or at a federally qualified health center.

This bill does not appear to have any fiscal impact on the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 343, S.D. 1. I will be available for questions.