

GM 508

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, JANET PRIMIANO, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Dental Examiners

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Wednesday, March 12, 2014
10:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO 508.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is James Kobashigawa and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 508, regarding the appointment of Janet Primiano, to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Primiano's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Primiano has been serving on the Board as an interim member since January 27, 2014, and is being appointed as a dental hygiene member. She has been licensed as a dental hygienist since September 17, 1980, and her license is current, active and in good standing. Since Ms. Primiano's interim appointment, there has been one meeting, which she has attended. Her experience as a former member of the

Board enables her to immediately transition into her role on the Board as she actively participates in the discussions. With her more than thirty years of experience, Ms. Primiano brings to the Board her knowledge and valuable insights. Ms. Primiano's experience as a dental hygienist and her desire to contribute to the community will be an asset to the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Janet Primiano to the Board of Dental Examiners and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 10, 2014

To: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Chair: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Members: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Senator Glenn Wakai
Senator Sam Slom

Dear Honorable Chair Senator Baker and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to you in support of Janet M.Y. Primiano, RDH as she pursues the gubernatorial nomination for the dental hygiene member on the Board of Dental Examiners.

The Kanemaru Dental Group is a family practice in Wahiawa with four dentists, three dental hygienists and a total team of twenty people. Janet has worked with our practice as a dental hygienist for over seven years. She is very capable of fulfilling the duties and responsibilities as a member of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Over the past seven years Janet has repeatedly proven to us that it is her passion to spread oral health awareness and further the success of the dental and dental hygiene fields. Janet is reliable, committed, trustworthy and proud of her dental hygiene profession.

Please give Janet M.Y. Primiano your support and confirmation to serve the people of Hawaii as the Board of Dental Examiner, Dental Hygiene member.

Thank you for your consideration,

On behalf of the Kanemaru Dental Group

Lester Kanemaru, DDS *Lester Kanemaru*

Jared Kanemaru, DDS *Jared Kanemaru DDS*

Gordon Kanemaru, DDS *Gordon Kanemaru DDS*

Jill Kanemaru, DDS *Jill Kanemaru*

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Brenda Tamanaha Chan, RDH *Brenda Chan*

February 19, 2014

To: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

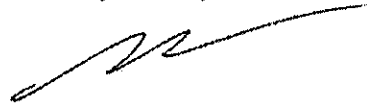
Dear Senator Baker and Members,

I am writing to you in support of Janet M.Y. Primiano, RDH as she pursues the gubernatorial nomination for the dental hygiene member on the Board of Dental Examiners.

My name is Mark Y. Shimao, D.D.S. and I am a family practice dentist in Ewa Beach providing dental services to the Hawaii community for over 20 years. Janet has worked in my practice as a dental hygienist for 15 years. She is dependable and provides dental hygiene services in a professional and caring manner.

Please give Janet M.Y. Primiano your support and confirmation for the Board of Dental Examiner, Dental Hygiene member. I have confidence in her and know that she will do her best to serve and protect the people and State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration,



Mark Y. Shimao, D.D.S.

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January 27, 2014

Attention: Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPN)
Chairperson: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker (District 6)
Vice Chair: Senator Brian T. Taniguchi (District 11)
Members: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara (District 17), Senator Glenn Wakai
(District 15) and Senator Sam Slom (District 9)
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

For bill number: GM508

RE: Janet Primiano's Nomination to the Board of Dental Examiners,
Dental Hygiene Member Position.

As the designer and lead instructor of the only independent Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners approved program for intra-oral infiltration and block anesthesia certification, I have been working with Ms. Primiano for over two decades. She has participated in my post-graduate educational course as both an administrator and a clinical instructor.

I first met Janet in the 1980's when we were both delegates to the American Dental Hygienists Association. We attended both the district and national meetings together. During those years I quickly learned that she was attentive at meetings, conscientious, willing to help and respected by her colleagues.

In the mid-1980's, Ms. Primiano joined an elite group of Hawaii dental hygienists attending an invitational educational session held at Chabot College in Hayward, California to learn the technique of intra-oral block anesthesia. I was the instructor of this program. In this case, I saw her as a post-graduate student and pioneer in advancing herself and her profession in expanding her clinical skills.

Ms. Primiano immediately became one of our clinical instructors when the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners approved certification for dental hygienists to administer intra-oral infiltration anesthesia in the mid-1980's. And, in 2000, when the Board approved intra-oral block anesthesia, Ms. Primiano was again ready and able to teach these new, advanced and more complex injections. In this role as teacher, she was prepared, helpful, supportive, respectful, patient, and calm in an intense clinical environment.

These post-graduate programs were initially sponsored by the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association. When that group no longer wanted the task of organizing and administering the educational certification workshops, Ms. Primiano co-founded Health Compliance Systems, an educational service, and took on the administrative portion of this important anesthesia certification program. In this position, I learned that she solves problems, takes the initiative, is innovative, hardworking and has leadership abilities.

In all these roles, Ms. Primiano is attentive with fine attention to detail, collaborative, trustworthy and honest, all excellent traits to sit in the member position of the Board of Dental Examiners. Her entire professional career and persona demonstrate her commitment to fine service. She will definitely put the public's best interest as the priority for her assignment to this position.

I highly support Ms. Primiano's nomination to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners as a Dental Hygiene Member based on her decades of fine professional experience, demonstrated commitment and personal character.

Sincerely,

Sandra Kramer, R.D.H., M.A.

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March 10, 2014

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 10:00 am

**Re: Testimony in Support of GM 508: Relating to the Nomination
of Janet Primiano to the Board of Dental Examiners**

Dear Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I submit this testimony in support of GM 508 and ask the Senate Committee to confirm the nomination of Janet Primiano to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Janet's (i) passion for her work; (ii) desire to uphold the standards of the dental profession to the highest standards (iii) work ethic; and (iv) attention to detail; make her an excellent addition to the Board of Dental Examiners.

I have had the great privilege of getting to know Janet over the past 6 years. Janet is someone with an extremely warm and inviting personality. Her passion and commitment to the dental field is second to none.

Janet is the kind of person who wants to serve on the Board of Dental Examiners, not for recognition or praise, but because of her love and passion for her profession, and to ensure the highest standards of the profession are upheld.

Please confirm the nomination of Janet Primiano to the Board of Dental Examiners. I thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ryan M. Hamaguchi

Ryan M. Hamaguchi

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of recommendation and support regarding the appointment of Ms. Janet Primiano. I have known Ms. Primiano for approximately 20 years in a professional capacity. Ms. Primiano has assisted with the state dental hygiene and dentist licensure examinations for many years and throughout those times she has always fulfilled her duties, conducted herself professionally, and was also thoughtful and courteous to every participant of the examination(s). Ms. Primiano is knowledgeable in her field and is consistently diligent about completing her duties and responsibilities to the best of her abilities.

Sincerely,

Dawn Kubota
Examination Branch
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Dept of Commerce & Consumer Affairs

TESTIMONY OF
JANET M.Y. PRIMIANO
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
ON
March 12, 2014
G.M. 508

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, JANET PRIMIANO, for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. It is an honor and a privilege to be considered as a member for the Board of Dental Examiners.

I would like to send a special mahalo to everyone that submitted testimonies of support on my behalf and to all here in attendance for your encouragement.

Throughout my 34 years as a dental hygienist in Hawaii I have been deeply moved by my family, friends and colleagues who have been by my side as I have grown personally as well as professionally. I have learned a lot and strengthened my leadership skills through wearing many hats at Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV) Community Health Center. There are so many people that have impacted positively on my life for which I am very thankful.

My philosophy in life has always been to help others that are in need. I have participated in many service projects and worthy events such as volunteering with the Mililani YMCA Indian Guide program with my daughter to clean and help with the Ronald McDonald House, picking up cigarette butts at Dole Middle School's surrounding grounds with the KKV Health Club, cleaning up graffiti with the youth in Kalihi Valley Homes in partnership with the Weed and Seed program, and many more projects with my family and friends. Once again giving back to the community is important to me as I involve my family, friends and the youth in these activities.

As a registered dental hygienist, being an active member of my professional organization, the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' (HDHA)/American Dental Hygienists' Associations (ADHA), is a very important part of my life. I have grown professionally and have built up my leadership skills through these organizations, having served as the HDHA President in 1988 and as Delegate from 1989 through 1994. I have coordinated and examined at many dental hygiene examinations throughout the State of Hawaii and through the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS). I also had the privilege of serving on the Board of Dental Examiners from 1994 through 2002.

I also served for five years as the President of the Board of Directors for NaLei Wili/AHEC (Area Health Education Center) based on the island of Kauai. This non-profit organization's purpose is to "grow our own healers" through programs with the youth in middle through high schools on Oahu (Kalihi Valley) and Kauai to explore and pursue health careers.

My goals as a member of the Board of Dental Examiners would be to protect the public by regulating dental-related professions, and to contribute to the advancement of these professions in the State of Hawaii. I am ready and committed to serve whole-heartedly with the public's interest in mind.

I would like to close my testimony and offer this Committee a warm Aloha and Mahalo from my heart for your commitment and dedication to the people of the State of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to be in your presence today. Mahalo to everyone who submitted testimonies of support and to those who took time out of their busy schedules to come to support me today. It is an honor to be considered for this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.