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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 563, H.D. 1, RELATING TO DENTAL
HYGIENISTS.**

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

My name is Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., Chairperson of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 563, H.D. 1, Relating to Dental Hygienists, which permits licensed dental hygienists in the State to operate under general, rather than direct, supervision of a licensed dentist.

The Board supports House Bill No. 563, H.D. 1, which includes language clarifying that a licensed dental hygienist may practice under the general supervision of a licensed dentist pursuant to an existing treatment plan with respect to patients of record who have had an examination by the licensed dentist; provided that a licensed dental hygienist shall not perform any irreversible procedure or administer any intra-oral block anesthesia while under general supervision.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 563, H.D. 1.



Testimony in Support of **HB563 HD 1**, Relating to Dental Hygienists

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Past President/Regulations and Practice Chairperson – Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association

February 26, 2017

Dear Respected Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

Myself and The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) applauds your efforts to help solve the problem of inadequate oral health care for Hawaii's people. We, as I'm sure many of you on your committee are aware, have an on-going oral health access to care issue in the state of Hawaii. The problem is multi-factorial, but varying, restrictive levels of supervision for licensed dental hygienists plays a critical part in limiting access to those who need oral health care.

According to the HAR 16-79-2

"Supervision" means prescribing objectives and procedures and assigning work, provided that the person supervising shall be a licensed dentist. The levels of supervision are defined as follows:

(1) "Direct supervision" means that the supervising licensed dentist examines and diagnoses the condition to be treated, authorizes each procedure, remains in the dentist's office or in any facility defined in section 447-3, HRS, while the procedures are being performed, and shall be responsible for all delegated acts and procedures performed by dental assistants and licensed dental hygienists.

(2) "General supervision" means that the supervising licensed dentist has examined and diagnosed the condition to be treated, and has authorized each procedure to be carried out in accordance with the dentist's diagnosis and treatment plan. The presence of the supervising dentist is not required; provided the dentist shall be available for consultation and shall be responsible for all delegated acts and procedures performed by licensed dental hygienists. In the case of programs under the supervision and control by the department of health or in any facility specified in section 447-3, HRS, the foregoing shall not apply except that the supervising licensed dentist shall be available for consultation, shall be responsible for all delegated acts and

procedures performed by licensed dental hygienists and the procedures pursuant to section 447-3, HRS, shall have been prescribed by a licensed dentist or otherwise be authorized by law.

Under HAR 16-79-2 for Hawaii dental hygienists practicing under DIRECT supervision in private practice, a patient must be examined by a licensed dentist prior to treatment, treatment must be assigned to a licensed dental hygienist, a post-op review of the treatment must be completed by the dentist and then, the dentist can assign further treatment as needed. The dentist must also be physically present the entire time, never stepping out of the office. This practice is time consuming for the dentist and restrictive on they hygienist. What are other states across the nation doing?

Forty-five of the 50 states authorize dental hygienists to work under some degree of general supervision, meaning that a dentist has authorized a dental hygienist to perform procedures, but need not be present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures. Hawaii currently permits general supervision of dental hygiene services in "non-traditional" public health dental settings, such as clinics, nursing homes, hospitals, and facilities that treat people with developmental disabilities.

Beginning in 1915, dental hygienists licensed in Connecticut were permitted to practice in private dental offices, or any public or private institution under the general supervision of a dentist. One hundred years later, almost every state in the nation permits general supervision levels for dental hygienists, with most states sanctioning various levels of expanded function practice acts, such as the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia. Many states also allow dental hygienists to provide restorative functions, such as applying cavity liners and bases, and placing, carving, and finishing amalgam and composite restorations.

Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Hawaii, and Georgia are the only states in the nation where legislation to allow general supervision in private practice has not been passed. The rationale most of these states provide for restricting dental hygienists from practicing without the direct supervision of a dentist focuses on concerns about quality and safety, even though no clear evidence exists to support such restrictions. Furthermore, if the basis for restricting scope of practice is a concern about safety and efficacy, these concerns should apply regardless of the income level of the recipient, or the site of care.

This rationale makes one wonder what justification could be provided to explain why dental hygiene services provided in public health settings for impoverished, elderly and



developmentally disabled residents of Hawaii is considered "safe," but the same dental hygiene services provided without the direct supervision of a dentist in private practice is considered a "public safety" issue, especially considering that 45 of 50 states successfully and safely allow this level of supervision for dental hygienists without safety concerns.

The 2014 National Governors' Association report suggests that states should consider doing more to allow dental hygienists to fulfill dental needs for the underserved by freeing them to practice "to the full extent of their education and training." Throughout the nation, policymakers, consumer advocates, and oral health coalitions have started innovative programs to extend the reach of oral health-care delivery to the underserved by altering supervision and/or reimbursement rules for dental hygienists, and exploring new professional certifications for advanced-practice dental hygienists.

Considering all of the accomplishments and advances made in dentistry during the last century, it's difficult to understand why there are still a handful of states that honor antiquated practice acts. HDHA feels these types restrictive policies are harmful to the public's oral health not dental hygienists practicing under general supervision.

As the largest association representing Hawaii's licensed dental hygienists', HDHA strongly **supports HB563 HB 1** to address the prevention of dental disease among Hawaii's people. Dental hygienists possess the education and training to fulfill the goals described in this bill and we look forward to working toward our common goal of increased oral health care and decreased dental disease in our great State.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Hawaii
Dental Hygienists' Association

February 25, 2017

Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Rep. Angus McKelvey, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee Members: Reps. Acquino, Ito, Say, Takayama, Todd, Yamane, Fukumoto

Dear Chairman McKelvey, Vice-Chair Ichiyama, and Committee members:

My name is Laura Mallery-Sayre, RDH, MSDHEd. I am here before you today in two capacities: one is as a spokesperson for the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, having served this organization three times as their President and past legislative chair; the other is to speak for myself as a dental hygiene educator, researcher and practice management consultant. I have also served the State of Hawaii Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) Dental Advisory Board for 24 years and I continue to serve in that capacity.

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association is in strong support of HB563 HD1.

As stated in this Bill **“permitting dental hygienists to operate under general supervision, rather than direct supervision, when treating patients of record with an established treatment plan will give dentists more flexibility in their practices, enable the dentistry profession to keep pace with increased patient needs, and still maintain safeguards for patients”**.

This Bill permits the supervising dentist the opportunity to determine the supervisory level for each dental hygienist in their employment and to individualize treatment for each patient of record rather than to have it mandated by the State of Hawaii that the dentist must, under all circumstances, provide direct supervision in his or her private dental practice. Under DIRECT supervision in a private practice in Hawaii, a patient must be examined by a licensed dentist prior to treatment, treatment must be assigned to a licensed dental hygienist, a post-op review of the treatment must be completed by the dentist at that visit and then, the dentist can assign further treatment as needed. The dentist must be physically in that office the entire time that a dental hygienist is treating a patient, not even being able to step out for lunch or to leave early for a meeting. This practice is time consuming for the dentist and restricts the number of patients that can be seen on any given day both in the dentist's chair as well as the dental hygienist's. Support of HB563 HD1 will increase the opportunity for the dentist and the hygienists to provide dental care for their patients of record without unnecessary interruptions in their work schedules. Furthermore, if the dentist needs to attend continuing education

courses to maintain his/her State licensure, take a sick day or attend a funeral, they would be given the prerogative to choose to close down their practice or to have their hygienists continue to see patients that had already been examined and treatment planned for services as long as they could be available for consultation. General supervision in private practice is currently employed in 45 out of 50 states in various forms. Only Hawaii, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and North Carolina have this restrictive regulation on their dentists.

General dental supervision for dental hygienists practicing in public health settings in Hawaii has been in place for 15 years and there has never been a reported incident regarding dental hygiene services in these capacities brought before the RICO Dental Advisory Committee during that time. Clearly general supervision has an established safety record in Hawaii. Dental hygienists in public health settings are performing the same services for patients as those in private practice so a distinction in supervision levels should no longer be necessary.

Support of HB563 HD1 will allow all of our dental professionals necessary flexibility when working as members of a team effort to provide access to quality dental care. The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association urges the committee to pass HB563 HD1.

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Hawaii Dental Association

To: The House Committee on Consumer Protection and Health
Time/Date: 2:00 p.m. on March 1, 2017
Location: Capitol Conference Room 329
Re: **HB 563, HD 1, RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the committees! My name is Dr. Chris Lee and I serve as the president of the Hawaii Dental Association, a professional association comprised of nearly 1,000 member dentists. The Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) is a statewide professional membership organization representing dentists practicing in Hawaii and licensed by the State of Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. HDA members are committed to protecting the oral health and well-being of all of the people of Hawaii, from keiki to kupuna and everyone in between.

We are writing to **comment on HB 563, HD 1, relating to dental hygienists.** We recognize the legislature's intent to ensure the health and safety of Hawaii residents. Likewise, the Hawaii Dental Association is committed to improve oral health in Hawaii. We respectfully request that certain protections be included in this bill, such as, **at a minimum**, that general supervision shall be permitted only for a patient of record who has had an exam within the last year and an existing treatment plan, **and that neither block anesthesia nor any irreversible procedure shall be performed.** Without these clarifications, we will be unable to support this measure.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you on key policy initiatives to accomplish those goals. In addition, and consistent with our longstanding public positions, we believe that water fluoridation would make significant contributions to improving oral health in our state. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
Dr. Chris Lee, D.D.S
President, Hawaii Dental Association

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P. Christopher Bays	Kona Coast Dental Care	Support	No

Comments:

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a dental hygienist whose been practicing dental hygiene for 33 years I support this bill. I presently volunteer my services for adults with disabilities..however under the dirct supervision law I can only educated, perform dental screenings and do fluoride varnishes. I feel that a general supervision law would create greater access to hygiene services for the elderly, home bound patients and people with disabilities. It would also allow us to practice in our dental offices with the staff when the doctor has called in sick rather then rescheduling a full day of patients, as long as the dentist can be contacted.

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Norman S. Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Further studies should be conducted by the Board of Dental Examiners to fully understand the consequences of autonomous practice. Finding out from other states what works and does not work should be investigated be for changing the regulations to give Hawaii patients the best and safest treatment conditions.

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Ryan A. Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There are NO safeguards for the patients in this measure. It does not cover those cases where a patient walks in with a unknown history requesting a what seems to be a simple tooth cleaning. Catastrophic medical events may unfold leaving the hygienist to handle the emergency which they may not be equipped to handle. Lets place more safeguards and restrictions since the hygienists do not carry their own liability insurance.

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Sierra Spruce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this Bill - after working full time as hygienist for 46 years-15 years in TX and 31 in HI, I can tell you that we are long overdue for general supervision in this state. TX has long had general supervision for hygienists without incident. In Hawaii, when my employer is ill, we have to close down the whole office, including my hygiene patients who have waited a while to get those appointments. This is a hardship for the patients and everyone in the office. Hygienists are professionals who have been well educated, tested and licensed and who receive mandatory continuing education yearly. We are capable of providing dental hygiene services in private offices and public health settings with a mandate from a dentist without the dentist being physically present. It is time to change this situation and HB563 does just that.

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Teri A Matsumura	Individual	Support	No

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Re: HB 563 HD 1 RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Committee on Consumer Protection, & Commerce

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair

Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: March 1, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Honorable Representative McKelvey, Chair, Senator Ichiyama, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

This testimony is in **strong support** of **HB 563 HD 1**.

My name is Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH. I have been a practicing Dental Hygienist in good standing on the island of Hawaii since 1992. I live in Hilo and have had the privilege to practice in both Kona and Hilo. In addition, I have taken an active role in leadership; volunteered in my community, island, and state.

HB 563 HD 1 is an important bill for access to care. It is important to note that Dentists who oppose this bill are free to continue to supervise their Dental Hygienists under direct supervision, while those who support it may choose to operate with general supervision, as all dentists are free to run their practices as they wish, within the limits of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

It has been my observation, that when a Dentist has the misfortune of becoming seriously ill or injured, or simply has the flu, everything comes to a stop at the dental office. Because the Dental Hygienists are bound to work under direct supervision of the Dentists, they cannot even see the patients of record for re-care appointments. Many of these patients are consequently at risk because of systemic complications. If they try to go to another office, they find many other offices are booked well in advance and they cannot be seen for months. Their conditions break down.

In addition, the Dental Hygienists and teams (except perhaps the receptionist) are out of work until the doctor returns, creating financial hardship for them, as well as the Dentist. If the Dental Hygienists could work under general supervision, the Hygienists and office staff could continue working, patients of record could access continued care, and the Dentists could still have some income to help with ongoing expenses during personal crisis.

Dental Hygienists have been practicing under general supervision in public health settings without incident for many years in Hawaii. They are well educated, licensed professionals, trained in Basic Life Support, who know their limitations and can call their doctor anytime for consultation when necessary.

This bill creates a win/win/win for dentists, office teams, and the patients they serve. Thank you for your serious consideration to pass this bill.

Respectfully yours,

Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH

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Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Ichiyama, and Committee Members:

My name is Frank Sayre and I have been a private practice restorative dentist in Kailua-Kona for the past 41 years. I am writing in support of HB563 HD1, which would provide better access to dental care for the citizens of our State. This would allow the dentist to determine if his or her dental hygienist(s) would be able to practice in a general supervision setting in private practice.

Up until now we have had direct supervision, which requires that the dentist be physically present in the office in order for the dental hygienist to be able to see patients. If the dentist needs to be out of the office for a continuing education course, for a medical appointment, for a family matter or for an illness, the office has to be closed down and the patients cancelled and rescheduled. In November 2009 I was hospitalized at Queen's Medical Center for 26 days for malignant melanoma surgery. You can only imagine the inconvenience to our patients and to our staff members who had to contact them to reschedule their appointments.

At this point 45 out of the 50 states have some form of general supervision. Hawaii is only one of 5 states that don't allow the dentist the option of having his or her patients seen when she or he is not physically present in the office. Our dental hygienist professionals are well trained and have to pass a national board examination as well as either a regional or state board examination in order to be licensed in Hawaii. I believe that the dentists should have the final say in which patients could be seen under general supervision in their office.

Thank you for your consideration and, hopefully, your support of HB563 HD1.

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Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Rep. Angus McKelvey, Chair
Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair
Committee Members: Reps. Acquino, Ito, Say, Takayama, Todd, Yamane,
Fukumoto

Dear Chairman McKelvey, Vice-Chair Ichiyama, and Committee members:

My name is Laura Mallery-Sayre, RDH, MSDHEd. I have been a dental hygienist for 48 years having received my RDH and Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene from the U. of Oregon and my Master's of Science in Dental Hygiene Education from Old Dominion University. I am currently working on a Doctoral degree in Health Care Administration. In addition to being before you today as licensed clinician in Hawaii, I am also speaking to you as a dental hygiene educator, researcher and practice management consultant. **I speak in strong support of HB563 HD1.**

As stated in this Bill “**permitting dental hygienists to operate under general supervision, rather than direct supervision, when treating patients of record with an established treatment plan will give dentists more flexibility in their practices, enable the dentistry profession to keep pace with increased patient needs, and still maintain safeguards for patients**”.

While teaching dental students and dental hygiene students at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and dental hygiene students at Old Dominion University, I taught under educational supervision and this included teaching infiltration and block anesthesia. This supervision level did not require a dentist to be present in a supervisory capacity. It would seem only reasonable to allow a private practice dentist to determine if they were comfortable having me carry out their treatment plan on their patients of record under general supervision.

During my 33 years of clinical practice and practice management here in Hawaii, I have been witness to my supervising dentists having to close their practices because of injury, illness or personal tragedies. During these times, their patients of record could not be seen by their dental hygienists and the staff were forced to take paid leave due to the direct

Mallery-Sayre Page 2 HB563 HD1

supervision clause. With this restriction, dentists are not even permitted to leave for lunch or take time off for mandated continuing education if patients are scheduled for the dental hygienist or if a patient is running late. The patients have to be rescheduled and oftentimes the next appointment is not available for months. Direct supervision also mandates that the patient needs to be seen that day by the dentist as well, even if the dentist already performed an examination and treatment plan for that patient on another day. This practice is time consuming for the dentist and restricts the number of patients that can be seen on any given day both in the dentist's chair as well as the dental hygienist's.

Support of HB563 HD1 would place the ultimate decision and responsibility in the hands of the dentist/employer as to whether or not to use direct or general supervision for his/her practice. Access to dental care is a true issue in the State of Hawaii. Supporting and passing HB563 HD1 would help to ensure that more people in Hawaii are able to obtain dental care in a timely fashion.

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Diana Smith RDH, BA, ADHA member and I've been in the dental hygiene profession for 33 years, 26 of those years here in Hawaii. We are on the Big Island, here access to dental care is an issue especially for those who are disable and live far from Kona town. I've been volunteering for people with ID & DD for 2 years. For some of these people I am their only provider of dental care. I'd like to do more for them then educated and apply fluoride but cannot under present law. Also I would like to be able to practice when our DDS. steps out for lunch or has called in sick, as long as he/she is available by phone. We are 1 of a few states who still has direct supervision for licensed hygienists. I feel general supervision would NOT be be detrimental to the public..it would be a clear benefit.

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kimberly schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments: this is long overdue

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Janelle Bays	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Sir I oppose HB 563 as it is written. There are NO patient safe guards in the bill. Look to the Hawaii Dental Assoc. proposal and the State's Board of Dental Examiners for guidance. Any polls taken asking Dentists or Dental Hygienist if they want Generalized supervision was taken nearly 20 years ago. This bill appears to have been written by off island sources with no regards to our Hawaii citizen patients.

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janet ancheta	Individual	Support	No

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My name is Earl Hasegawa and I am a dentist in practice on Maui. I am testifying in **Opposition to HB 563 HD1** Related to Dental Hygienists. This testimony is provided as a licensed dentist practicing in Hawaii.

Despite the amendments to the bill, only certain safeguards to the patients can be maintained. When the dentist is not in the office, the dental hygienist who may have only 2 - 3 years of training will likely be the most responsible person there in the event of an emergency to a patient.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in Opposition to HB 563 HD1.

Mahalo,

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