

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

AND

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 563, RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE TAKASHI OHNO, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

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, 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 has not had an opportunity to review this bill. The next meeting of the Board is Monday, February 13, 2017 (the morning immediately preceding this hearing), at which time the Board will discuss and determine its position on this measure. I will be available to relay the information to the committees at this hearing and to answer any questions that the committees may have.

In a previous discussion regarding supervision by a licensed dentist, the Board felt that general supervision may place the dental hygienist in immediate charge of the office while the supervising dentist is not available. From a safety standpoint, there might not be a "responsible person" responding to an emergency situation in the office,

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whether related to a dental procedure or not. It is the dentists' responsibility to supervise the office team and be present and responsive to the patients, whether an emergency situation or a complication following the administration of a local anesthetic arises.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 563.

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Diana Shaw	Lanai Community Health Center	Support	No

Comments: Especially critical for our rural, remote island, where we have a live on island Dental hygienist, but no live on island dentist. While we have tele-dentistry which is honored by at least one insurance, the additional flexibility that this bill allows would further ensure provision of necessary care to our population and access to this low cost, necessary preventive tool!

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

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS

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

February 13, 2017

Dear Respected Members of the Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce:

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 respective committees 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 and incarcerated 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** the intent of **HB563** 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.

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Hawaii Dental Association

To: The House Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m., February 14, 2017
Location: Capitol Conference Room 329
Re: HB 563, RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Aloha Chairs Belatti and Ohno, Vice Chairs Kobayashi and Choy 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, 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 and has 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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Rosie	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I write in support of HB563, General supervision for dental hygienist. I have been a hygienist for 30 years & would like to be given the option to work with a dentist under general supervision. It will have huge benefits for both the dentist and patients. Mahalo

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TESTIMONY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

Committee on Health
Rep. Belatti Chair

Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Rep. Ohno Chair

HB 374 Relating to Dental Assistants

Dear Chairs:

I OPPOSE HB 563.

There are too many unanswered questions on this issue. Although the liability lies on the dentist that hires the dental hygienist, this does not make it any safer for the patient. Will the patient know that an examination must be performed by the dentist sometime before they are seen by the hygienist? Many patients may not be aware of this law. Also, radiographs or xrays must be taken at the dentist prescription or orders. This may not be practical if the dentist is not available. These are just some of the unanswered questions this bill proposes.

I strongly urge you to hold this bill.

Thank you,
DR NORMAN CHUN

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Teri A Matsumura	Individual	Support	No

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Erika Soliven	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to allow general supervision. General supervision for dental hygienist would allow more access to care in different communities. We would be less limited to expand access to care.

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Mariah Goo	Individual	Support	No

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Thomas Pamela	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Registered Dental Hygienist licensed to practice in the State of Hawaii. The primary benefit of having General Supervision will be to provide the public (especially in our outer islands) greater access to care.

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Ashley Tanaka-Mori	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The ability to practice as a registered dental hygienist under general supervision rather than direct supervision not only grants flexibility in treatment, but also provides greater access to healthcare, especially to those living in remote areas.

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Britney Tumaneng	Individual	Support	No

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Chelsey	Individual	Support	No

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Cherrie Castillo	Individual	Support	No

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Marisa Lyman	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Ayre	Individual	Support	No

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rica a	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support

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Bryson Hue	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the dental hygiene profession.

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Chantelle Sablay	Individual	Support	No

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Micah Miyashiro	Individual	Support	No

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HB 563 RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS

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Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair

COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

Representative Takashi Ohno, Chair

Representative Issac Choy, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 14th, 2017

Time: 8:30

Place: Conference Room329

Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB 563

My name is Sierra Spruce and I have been a full time practicing dental hygienist for 46 years, 31 of those years in Kona, Hawaii. I have served in leadership positions in both Texas and Hawaii. I served on the very first Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, and have served as a grader for the Hawaii dental hygiene board exams.

For all the years I worked in Texas, we had general supervision for dental hygienists without any problems or incidents. After I moved to Hawaii, I was informed that the Texas Board had changed the ruling to direct supervision but it was so unpopular that after a year or so, it was changed back to general supervision.

Dental Hygienists are professionals who have been well educated, tested and licensed and who receive mandated continuing education yearly. We are capable of providing dental hygiene services in our offices and in public health settings with a mandate

from a dentist without the dentist being physically present. This type of supervision has worked well in most states in the US. Hawaii is one of eight states who still require direct supervision of hygienists.

In the past, when my employer has been ill, we have had to close down the office, cancelling my patients as well as his. This has proved to be a hardship for our practice. Offices in Kona are extremely busy and have many patients scheduled out for future months. Under the general supervision model, I could see the hygiene patients in his absence and stay current with our heavy patient load.

This change is long overdue.

Please lend your support to HB 563

Sincerely,

Sierra Spruce, RDH
Ocean View, Hawaii

Past President: Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association
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Brittney Anne Eshima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to allow hygienist in Hawaii to have general supervision so that we can have better access to care.

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Rachelle	Individual	Support	No

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Beverly Duyan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support to allow dental hygienist to provide health care services to their patients without the direct supervision of the dentist. It is frustrating for both the patients and the office when they have to move the patients schedule around to reschedule their cleaning appointments.

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Carly Takara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill to allow dental hygienists to practice under general supervision. Currently as a registered dental hygienist, direct supervision from a dentist is required but limits our ability to provide healthcare to our communities. We are limiting our reach and availability of dental healthcare services to patients in need. By allowing dental hygienists in Hawaii to practice under direct supervision, we can help to increase access to dental healthcare in our state.

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Cindy Nguyen	Individual	Support	No

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joana choy	dental hygiene	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill.

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Leanne E Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB 563. Dental hygienists are qualified licensed professionals who should be able to practice under direct supervision. Direct supervision would help to address the problem of access to dental care. Hawaii is in the minority of states who have such strict supervision laws. Currently 39 states allow direct access to care from the dental hygienist. Direct supervision has been proven safe for the public. The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) defines direct access as the ability of a dental hygienist to initiate treatment based on their assessment of a patient's needs without the specific authorization of a dentist, treat the patient without the presence of a dentist, and maintain a provider-patient relationship (ADHA Policy Manual, 13-15). It is my position, and the position of the ADHA that oral health care—a fundamental component of total health care— is the right of all people. Lack of access to oral health care is a critical issue in the United States due to disparities in the health care delivery system . Dental hygienists must play a vital role in the solution to eliminate these disparities and assure quality oral health care for all.

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Leanne E Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please note from the previously submitted testimony the difference between direct supervision and Direct access. Direct access refers to practitioners providing direct care. Direct supervision refers to having the dentist physically present in the dental office at the time of treatment. I support direct supervision for dental hygienists

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Shannon Maldonado	Individual	Support	No

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Diane Brucato-Thomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: HB563 Date of Hearing: February 14, 2017 SUPPORT Dear Honorable Representative Belatti, Chair, Representative Kobayashi, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee: This testimony is in strong support of HB563. My name is Diane Brucato and I have been practicing Dental Hygiene in Kona and/or Hilo for over 25 years. This is an important bill for access to care. 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 work under direct supervision of the dentists, they cannot even see the patients of record for maintenance. Many of these patients are put 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. Their conditions break down. The dental hygienists and teams are out of work until the doctor returns, creating financial hardship for them, as well as the dentist. If the hygienists could work under general supervision, the dentists could still have some income during personal crisis, the hygienists and office staff could continue working, and patients of record could access continued care. 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 who know their limitations and can call their doctor anytime for consultation when necessary. Thank you for your serious consideration to pass this bill. I can be reached at (808)937-7282 or d.bt@live.com. Respectfully, Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH

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Jade	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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JON TANABE

1221 KAPIOLANI BLVD SUITE 515, HONOLULU, HI 96814

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THIS IS IN REGARDS TO HB 563.

I am writing in opposition to the bill allowing licensed dental hygienist to practice under general supervision of a dentist rather than direct supervision.

As it stands right now the dental hygienist are not required to have liability insurance themselves because they are utilizing the liability insurance of the dentist to practice. Therefore if they would like to practice under general supervision then they should be required to get their own liability insurance.

Another point is the one regarding taking x-rays. Ethically, the dental hygienist cannot take x-rays on their own unless a dentist is present to do an examination first, according to the guidelines of the American Dental Association. According to the guidelines of the ADA, the Dentist needs to examine the patient first, then order the necessary x-rays. How will the hygienists do this if there is only general and not direct supervision.

A final point in opposition to this bill is the one regarding local anesthesia. Dental hygienists that are certified to give local anesthesia would have a problem under general supervision should a crisis arise when they are administering local anesthesia to a patient and not be able to handle the problem because they are not highly trained like a Dentist to take care of the problem

Sincerely,

JON TANABE, DDS

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Robyn McCarthy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been practicing in Hawaii for three years now, but prior to moving here I practiced in Connecticut and attended school and was licensed in Virginia. In both of those states only general supervision is required for hygienists to both take radiographs and perform prophylaxes, two of the most fundamental roles of a dental hygienist. When a dental hygienist can treat a patient within the scope of her defined role without needing direct supervision it allows an established practice to run smoother, but more importantly it increases access for patients that may not otherwise have been able to attain to such fundamental care. It allows a hygienist to serve a more independent and useful role in community based settings. Please support HB563 and allow dental hygienists to practice under general supervision.

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Alyssa Jefferies	Individual	Support	No

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Jessica Lozano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dental hygienists deserve the right to provide care especially to those in need. Allowing the scope of practice to expand will benefit the overall health of Hawaii's people.

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karen guevarra	Individual	Support	No

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Marcie Wong	Individual	Support	No

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Michele McTague	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill especially because at general supervision, the patient will already have been seen by the dentist and they are prescribed to have treatment done by a registered dental hygienist. We will still have limitations to our duties according to what our license allows. General supervision will allow us to practice even while the dentist is out of the office meanwhile if there is an emergency we will have proper protocols to ensure patient gets the further care they need.

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Myra Macapinlac	Individual	Support	No

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Noelani Greene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With general supervision rural areas can have access to care, especially neighbor islands that have limited resources. Hawaii is one of 8 states remaining with direct supervision.

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in full support of HB563 Allowing dental hygienists to work under General supervision. I'm presently volunteering with adults w disabilities, on the Big Island...flying these individuals to Honolulu for treatment is a hardship on both them and their families.I wish we as hygienists could do more then educate and apply fluoride for them. Unfortunately Hawaii is 1 of 8 states still under direct supervision

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Gerraine Hignite	Individual	Support	No

Comments: General supervision can help with access to care especially in the rural areas.

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Joycelyn Swan	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha,

As a dental hygienist in Hawaii I am submitting a testimony to pass the bill HB563 to have general supervision in Hawaii. There are several areas especially on the outer islands such as Hawaii Island, that may have trouble accessing care. Therefore general supervision will help our patients have better access. This will also help develop programs that allow hygienist to practice possible longer hours, as well as reaching out to patients who cannot make it to the clinic locations.

Mahalo,
Melorie Yuen

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Theresa Brown	Individual	Support	No

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Chris McNeil	chris mcneil dds ltd	Support	No

Comments: Having practiced dentistry in two other states that did not require direct supervision (IL and CA), I can say that allowing dental hygienists to practice under general supervision can only promote better dental health statewide. Also, in Hawaii, if I as the dentist have to leave the office for any reason, then none of my employees can be working which puts an undue strain on any dentist to always be in the office so everyone can get their hours in. It is time for Hawaii to relax this regulation as it does not make any sense to keep it in force.

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Jennifer Takata	Individual	Support	No

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Julia Luu	UHMDH	Support	No

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