

HB696

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title:

Description: Part I: changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. Part II: expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of any other nationally recognized clinical dental examination recommended by the American Dental Association and dental licensure in another state; provided that the applicant meets specific qualifications. Part III: clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices requirements for dental assistants; clarifies that rules shall not infringe upon, overlap with, or conflict with the duties and scope of practice for licensed professionals; and prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. (Proposed SD1)
Copies of the proposed SD 1 are available from the Senate Document Center and on the Legislature's website:
www.capitol.hawaii.gov.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): MIZUNO, AQUINO, BELATTI, BROWER, CACHOLA, CULLEN, EVANS, C. LEE, LOPRESTI, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, OHNO, OSHIRO, SAIKI, SAN BUENAVENTURA, SAY, TAKAYAMA, THIELEN, TODD, WOODSON, DeCoite

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 696, PROPOSED S.D. 1, RELATING TO
HEALTH.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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 and offer comments on House Bill No. 696, Proposed S.D. 1, Relating to Health. Part I of this measure changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; and beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the Board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. Part II of this measure expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of any other nationally recognized clinical dental examination recommended by the American Dental Association and dental licensure in another state; provided that the applicant meets specific qualifications. Part III of this measure clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices requirements for dental assistants; clarifies that rules shall not infringe upon, overlap with, or conflict with the duties and scope of practice for licensed professionals; and prohibits persons from employing,

directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene.

The Board opposes this measure for the reasons set forth below.

In regards to Part I of the bill, the Board is opposed to changing its name to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. This is because the Board notes that the practice of dentistry is performed by a team consisting of a dentist, dental hygienist, and auxiliary staff all working together to represent eight specialties of dentistry and dental hygiene. Not all specialties are represented on the Board.

Further, while the Board is in favor of increasing its current composition with the addition of a dental hygienist member, it believes that the addition of more members has no further advantages, such as greater patient protection and enhanced benefits to the consumer. Moreover, passage of this measure would burden the State and the consumers with additional costs to maintain a larger Board.

In regards to Part II of this measure, the Board recommends additional safeguards for qualification and believes there may be a public safety issue by not focusing on the quality of the practitioner rather than the quantity of practitioners.

For the Committee's information, the current standard for licensure in the United States is to pass one of the four "regional" dental examinations. In addition, a few states allow licensure based on a completion of a graduate residency program or an examination without live patients. Moreover, the American Dental Association just announced that it will be developing a national dental examination without use of live patients. All of the "regional" examinations require a clinical examination with live

patients and believe it is absolutely necessary to measure competency in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

In reference to Part III of this measure, the Board strongly opposes this part as it would prohibit dental assistants from applying fluoride, a simple procedure that is within the scope of practice of dental hygiene, as provided in chapter 447, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Chapter 447, HRS specifies that the practice of dental hygiene includes, among other services, “the application of preventive chemical agents to the coronal surfaces of teeth”. Application of fluoride would be included in this definition.

The Board believes that dental assistants can safely apply fluoride to patients, similarly as all other states allow dental assistants to apply fluoride. As proposed in its administrative rules, the dental assistant would be able to apply fluoride in a manner appropriate by the American Dental Association in a unit dose approved by the supervising licensed dentist or in an amount pre-measured by the supervising licensed dentist. Also, the Board requires the supervising licensed dentist to appropriately train or provide training to dental assistants before performing any activity.

It is not the Board’s intent to eliminate or erode the practice of dental hygiene as dental hygienists provide extremely valuable services and skills, and is part of the dental team. However, with changes to the practice of dentistry and rapid improvements to technology and equipment, the Board would like to continue having the ability to implement changes through its administrative rules by using its expertise and in protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public.

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Therefore, the Board recommends deferral of this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 696, Proposed S.D. 1.



Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

April 5, 2017

Legislative Hearing on HB 696 Proposed SD1 Relating to Health

Testimony in Support of HB696 SD1

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH

Regulation and Practice Chairperson HDHA 2017

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

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) supports **HB 696 SD1**. We would like to congratulate you on your leadership in initiating this important discussion during this legislative session. There are several components to SD1 and our testimony will address the parts most applicable to the profession of Dental Hygiene.

Part I: This bill will bring a long-standing, recommended change to the composition of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. Currently there are 8 dentists, 2 hygienists and 2 public members on the Board of Dental Examiners. **HB696 SD1** will increase the number of dental hygienists on the Board. Should the bill pass, the new ratio would be 8 dentists, 5 hygienists and 2 public members. HDHA feels that the current 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 its minority members. Additional dental hygiene members on the HBODE will begin to allow dental hygienists the authority to help guide the regulations that govern their own profession.

We understand that the role of the Board is to ultimately serve the interests of the public, but the unique and valuable perspective of the dental hygienist is not adequately represented at the current ratio. Public Safety will be best served if a more balanced, democratic Board is created. A board where each member has true and equal voice.

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.

Part III: HB 696 SD1 also brings a much-needed resolution to an existing debate with the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners regarding the allowable and prohibited duties of a Dental Assistant.

In a dental office, dental assistants are an important part of the dental team. Each team member plays a critical role in the execution of outstanding patient care. With that being said, HDHA feels that in order to protect the safety of the public, HRS 448-3

needs to clearly delineate the allowable duties and prohibited duties of an unlicensed dental assistant as they relate to the scope of practice of licensed dental hygienists.

We feel the addition of the wording: “provided that the rules shall not infringe upon or overlap or conflict with the duties and scope of practice licensed dental hygienists under chapter 447. No person shall employ, direct, or otherwise order a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene as provided in chapter 447, unless the person who performs the services or procedures is a licensed dental hygienist under section 447-1” is a much needed addition to HRS 448-3 (b). Having this in statute would allow changes in duties for dental assistants as technology advances, without encroaching on the scope of practice of another, licensed profession.

In the future, HDHA would support the licensure or certification of dental assistants with expanded duties, like fluoride varnish application, should the proper HBODE course approved infrastructure be in place. At this point however, there are no educational requirements or standardized training required for dental assistants, so it is critical that their allowable and prohibited duties be clearly stated in statute.

We would like to convey our desire that dentists, assistants and hygienists continue to be integral members of the oral health team, and feel that the public is best served and protected when all oral health providers and highly trained and work within their practice acts.

Thank you for your time and consideration and concern for the safety and oral health of Hawaii’s people.



Hawaii Dental Association

To: Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health
Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., April 5, 2017
Location: Capitol Conference Room 229
Re: **HB 696, Relating to Health**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

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 strongly **oppose** HB 696 which changes the name of the Board of Dental Examiners to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene (Board) and changes the Board composition; allows licensing of dentists by reciprocity and prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride. This bill will not ensure or enhance the safety and health of Hawaii residents. Reciprocity without adequate assurance that a dentist practicing in another state has current skills and knowledge and limits on dental assistants are counter to the legislature's goals to promote and enhance oral health. We ask that you do not advance this bill.

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 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



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
April 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

By
John F. Morton
Vice President of Community Colleges
University of Hawai'i System

HB 696 Proposed SD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the committee:

The University is opposed to the language found in HB 696 Proposed SD1.

Kapi'olani Community College is the only Dental Assisting program in Hawai'i that is accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). As part of this accreditation, the program is held to strict standards for curriculum content and competencies. In addition, the program is only able to include skills training in areas that are legally within the scope of practice as allowed for dental assistants.

The current language contained in Part III and IV of this bill could lead to misinterpretation. Specifically, page 10, lines 5 through 10 will prohibit performance by a dental assistant of any duties that overlap with the scope of duties of a licensed dental hygienist. This could include duties already allowable such as taking radiographs, taking alginate impressions, removing sutures and cleaning and polishing removable appliances.

The subsequent Part IV. Section 9 states: "This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date." This language is vague and could be subject to misinterpretation or manipulation. If the intent is to preserve the presently allowed duties of the dental assistant, it should be more plainly stated.

Prohibition of currently allowed duties will essentially mean the demise of KCC's Dental Assisting Program. CODA standards do not permit anything outside of the allowable duties for the jurisdiction the program resides in, to be part of the program's curricula. We respectfully request the removal of the language contained in Part III and IV of the proposed SD1.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The responsibility/ liability and training/ education of dentists isn't reflected in this bill. Also, House Bill 696 does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. Delivering service costs will increase and oral health is not promoted in the state of Hawaii.

Please do not move this measure forward.

Thank you,

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janet ancheta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members in Committee -

The proposed House Bill 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. I am opposed to this bill.

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you,

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To: The Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Senate
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Regarding: Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 696

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please do not pass this bill.

Mahalo,
Dr. Tammy Chang-Motooka

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017 AT 9:00 AM
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 229**

**ALOHA CHAIR BAKER, VICE CHAIR NISHIHARA, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE,
CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH COMMITTEE,**

**I AM OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE HB 696 IN ITS ENTIRETY. THIS BILL HAS THE
POTENTIAL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PRACTICING DENTISTS WITHOUT THE
ASSURANCE OF RECENT EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND IT IS NOT NEEDED GIVEN THE
CURRENT NUMBER OF DENTISTS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.**

**IN ADDITION, THIS BILL PREVENTS DENTAL ASSISTANTS FROM APPLYING TOPICAL
FLUORIDE WHICH WILL ONLY TEND TO INCREASE THE COST OF PROVIDING A MUCH NEEDED
SERVICE. PLEASE DEFER THIS BILL, INCLUDING THE REVISIONS TO THE NAME AND
COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.**

PLEASE OPPOSE THIS MEASURE.

From: auradds@gmail.com

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in opposition to HB 696 relating to health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. **Please do not pass this HB 696.**

Aurelia Bonham DDS, MS
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David Dung	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tracy Furukawa	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Ching, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to the proposed posted draft of HB 696. This bill will not promote oral health in our state. Limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride is a step backward. We need policies that benefit the people of the state of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Boki Chun, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HB 696, Relating to Health Position: OPPOSED Hearing date: April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m. Senate CPH Committee

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
HEALTH

HAWAII STATE SENATORS
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Dear Senators –

I am a dentist in Honolulu and **I OPPOSE HB 696.**

This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

Please DO NOT PASS this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Arakaki, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSE

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

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Please do not pass HB696.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelvin N. Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Chung DMD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to House Bill 696. Please defeat this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

RE: Testimony in opposition to House Bill 696

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Please do **NOT** advance this measure.

Sincerely,
Amy Choy

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
HEALTH

April 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Conference Room 229

Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, Committee Members -

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state.

Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents.

The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation.

Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning.

I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not pass this bill.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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April 5, 2017

Aloha Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health-

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Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
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Hawaii State Capitol
Room 229

Testimony OPPOSING HB 696, RELATING TO HEALTH

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and committee members -

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Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. I believe that this is a public health and safety concern as well as it has not been successful in Hawaii.

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I DO NOT SUPPORT HB 696.

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To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

RE: Testimony in opposition to House Bill 696

Committee Members -

My name is Dr. Mark Beavers and I am a General Dentist practicing in Kailua. I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. I do not believe this bill will advance the oral health care in Hawaii and should not be passed.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction.

I urge you not to advance this measure.

Thank you,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

9:00 AM

HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 229

CHAIR BAKER, VICE CHAIR NISHIHARA, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE,
CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH COMMITTEE,

THE PROPOSED HB 696 DOES NOT PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH IN OUR STATE.
LICENSURE RECIPROCITY HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND IT DOES NOT
ENSURE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS. THE PROVISIONS
LIMITING DENTAL ASSISTANTS FROM APPLYING TOPICAL FLUORIDE WOULD
MAKE HAWAII THE ONLY STATE TO HAVE SUCH A LIMITATION. HAWAII'S
CHILDREN HAVE SOME OF THE POOREST ORAL HEALTH SCORES OF ANY
STATE, SO THIS PROVISION IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNING. I ALSO OPPOSE
CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.

PLEASE DO NOT ADVANCE THIS MEASURE.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Testimony in **OPPOSITION** to **HOUSE BILL 696**, Relating to Health

Dear Senators,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696, relating to health. This bill changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The key issue with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

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In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This costs of delivering services will increase and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please do not pass HB 696.

Mahalo,

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
HAWAII STATE SENATORS
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

RE: HB 696- IN OPPOSITION

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

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Please do NOT advance this measure.

Lawrence Fujioka

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
AND HEALTH**

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

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Aloha -

My name is Peter Fay and I am a dentist in Maui. I am writing you to oppose HB 696, relating to health.

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

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April 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Brianna Fuentes and I have been a dental and orthodontic assistant in Hawaii for almost 17 years now. I am writing about this matter because it affects me professionally, financially, and hits home as well.

I understand the value of a hygienist; I wanted to be one when I was younger. However, I have chosen to make my career path in the dental community as an assistant. Being a good assistant takes skill, a skill that was not learned overnight and has increased with years of experience. Which then made my worth financially increase over the years. Although it may not be financially as great as a hygienist, is a very rewarding career path and something I take pride in.

I believe that if you take away skill sets from the dental assistant we will indeed loose value. When we loose value, it affects us financially as well. Living in a place that is already hard to make ends meet, by devaluing us affects our families and our lifestyle. It may even leave a lot of us searching for other professions, or even worse, unemployed.

If this matter goes into affect it will give hygienists the duties that has and is being accomplished by dental assistants today and then driving all the workforce to the hygienists hands making patient care limited.

Assistants have become so much more than just an "assistant". We have become patient advocates, treatment coordinators, financial, and front office administrators, etc. Our skill allows us to be involved in various positions in the practice. 50% of assistants account for employees in most dental practices and are ran by assistants.

I ask kindly, that thought and consideration for our community of dental assistants that have impacted patient care and dental organizations that this matter could potentially affect the way people work and especially for the way people live and how they make that living. Dental assistants hold a special love for dentistry that we have committed to, and understand the rewards and struggles that come with it. Please do not force us to choose different paths because our worth was taken away.

Please allow me to be the voice of reason and give our future assistants the chance to continue our place in the dental community.

Sincerely,
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**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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**Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
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Chair, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the committee –

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Please do NOT advance this measure.

Nicholas J. Fujii

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House Bill 696
The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

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the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill forbids
persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or
other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of
practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision leads the state of
Hawaii in the wrong direction in oral health.

Please do not pass this bill.

Re: SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Senate Conference Room 229

Dear Honorable Senator Baker, Chair, Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

This testimony is in **strong support** of **HB 696 Proposed SD1, in its entirety without amendment**. Thank you for HD696 Proposed SD1.

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. Living in Hilo, I 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; attended almost every Board of Dental Examiners meeting since 2007 (and many before that); and even applied twice for a position on the Board of Dental Examiners. Presently, I am serving my eighth year on the Regulated Industries Complaints Office's (RICO) Dental Advisory Committee. I have been a dental hygienist since 1979, am a former Anesthesia Examiner for Western Regional Examining Board, and a longstanding member of the American Association of Dental Boards.

Part I:

While the original purpose of the Board was to act as a pool of dental examiners, currently, there is no Hawaii Dental or Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination. Instead, the ADEX national board or Regional exams are accepted for licensure. While the members of the Board may choose to act as examiners for the regional boards, and usually do, they are not required to do so. The Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners has therefore, become more regulatory in nature, since the elimination of the Hawaii Dental Licensing and Dental Hygiene Licensing Exams. So, it makes sense to change the name of the Board.

Changing the name from the "Board of Dental Examiners" to the "Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene" is appropriate, given the fact that this Board governs both professions, although, currently, in a most unbalanced way. (Unfortunately, professional Registered Dental Hygienists, in Hawaii, have long been controlled and governed by dentists, who also employ them, demonstrating a clear conflict of interest.) HB696 Proposed SD1 addresses this problem by adding three more dental hygienists to the Board, two of which will be from neighbor islands. This will provide more fair representation of these licensed professionals on the Board. Dentists are the experts when it comes to dental restoration. However, increasing the number of Registered Dental Hygienists on the Board, who are known as the "experts in prevention", along with the suggestion that at least one Dentist with a background in Public

Health Dentistry would be desirable could have far reaching advantage in the interest of public health and safe access to dental care by providing a unique preventive perspective with a pulse on the dental health, wellness, and safety of our island communities.

Dental hygienists have demonstrated, 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, as educated, licensed professionals, are willing to serve and can be a great asset to the public. Despite their value, they have been a grossly underutilized resource. Thank you for recognizing them as the professionals they are. I strongly support Part I.

Part II:

Having been an Examiner for the Western Regional Examining Board (Five states at that time); having lived in five states; and having attended dental meetings across the United States, where I've met thousands of dentists and hygienists over the years, I believe that reciprocity is long overdue. To be limited in where you want to live and work is discriminatory, especially when you have been highly educated and tested, maintained a license, and practiced consistently for many years. Times have changed and people are mobile with families spread far and wide. We should be free to live where we choose, when we choose.

Some of the dentists are worried about other dentists moving into the state, who may not be able to pass the exam and may, therefore, lower the standard of care. This is unreasonable considering there may be dentists already living here who may not be able to pass the exam. At the last Board meeting, Dr. Guevara made an important point in mentioning that many dentists want to move back home to Hawaii, so they can take care of their elderly parents, but worry about passing a Board exam after so many years. I ask: What's the difference between two dentists who went to the same school, passed the same board exam, and practiced in two different states for thirty years? Why should they have to be re-tested to trade places? Re-testing because you want to relocate is unreasonable. It just doesn't make sense.

HB696 Proposed SD1 provides a gateway of opportunity for Hawaii to have more dentists available to provide access to quality dental care for the public. I support Part II.

Part III:

Part III takes the safety net that was in the HAR for years that the HBODE has proposed to remove and places it neatly in the statute. This serves to protect the public by disallowing the proposal or drafting any rules that would allow unlicensed personnel to perform duties that have, to date, required

standardized education, testing, stringent licensure, and continuing education. This change to the statute would not affect any duties that dental assistants are already allowed to do, nor will it change the way dentists are currently utilizing their assistants, providing they have been working within the boundaries of the law. Assuring public safety, this measure would eliminate redundant, time-consuming re-visitation by the HBODE, and prevent the constant threat to public safety by unregulated personnel. This history is provided at the end of this testimony. I strongly support Part III.

Please pass HB696 Proposed SD1 in its entirety without further amendment. This bill more accurately describes the function of the Board of Dental Examiners; re-names it appropriately; and balances its composition with the addition of three more dental hygienists. It improves access to quality care by increasing mobility of educated, tested, licensed, experienced dentists. Most importantly, it protects the public by solidifying a safety net to guard against unregulated personnel providing procedures that have historically required education, testing, licensure, and continuing education. Thank you so much for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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ADHA/Hu-Friedy Master Clinician Award 2008

Sunstar/RDH Award of Distinction 2002

History:

In November of 2007, the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners (HBODE) began a **complete update of the entire Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 79**, in order to bring them **CURRENT** with HR Statutes and remove redundancies. In January, 2008, a draft containing proposed language to allow expanded duties for dental assistants with no standardized education, testing, or certification, appeared for consideration with no history of public meeting, forcing Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) to put the HBODE on notice for violation of Sunshine Law. HDHA demonstrated these duties were unsafe and in clear violation of HRS 447-3(b). The HBODE became careful to comply with the Sunshine Law and the inclusion of those expanded duties was abandoned, although Hawaii Dental Association persisted with testimony to include them. That process required constant vigilance for public safety. **Only THREE years ago, in January 2014, the result of that extensive Rules Change process was implemented.**

Late 2015, through a letter from Dan Fujii, DDS, it came to the attention of HBODE that medical assistants were applying fluoride varnish on children, which HBODE ASSUMED was allowable. According to Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, the American Association of Medical Assistants' Chief Executive Officer and Legal Counsel (Questions may be directed to AAMA Executive Director, Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA, at dbalasa@aama-ntl.org or 800/228-2262):

Medical assistants cannot be delegated any duties that:

- (1) constitute the practice of medicine or require the skill and knowledge of a licensed physician;
- (2) are restricted in state law to other licensed health care professionals;**
- (3) require the medical assistant to exercise independent professional judgment or to make clinical assessments, evaluations, or interpretations.

In addition, the HBODE acknowledged that there are dental assistants placing fluoride varnish on children's teeth in many dental offices. **Rather than advise the HBODE to initiate or take disciplinary action against the pediatricians and dentists in violation, who are putting public safety at risk, and contrary to the interpretation of previous Deputy Attorneys General (DAG), the current DAG cited the last line of HRS 448-3(b) "Duties of the dental assistant and regulatory directives shall be delineated under rules which the board of dental examiners may from time to time adopt" as a loophole in the Statutes to enable the HBODE to create rules in violation of HRS 447-3(b) to achieve their goals with no regard to public safety.**

In fact, at the January 25th, 2016, Rules meeting, **the DAG encouraged the HBODE to delete the section of HAR 16-79-69.5 after the semicolon, ultimately deleting the public safety net from the rules.**

§16-79-69.5 Prohibited duties of dental assistants.
A dental assistant shall not perform the following intra-oral functions or any other activity deemed to be irreversible as to cause change in the affected hard or soft tissues and is permanent or may require reconstructive or corrective procedures; and any other activity which represents the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene or requires the knowledge, skill, and training of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist:

As a result, HBODE currently has proposed a rule to allow dental assistants to apply any type of fluoride, “the application of a chemical preventive agent to the coronal surfaces of teeth”, which is in violation of 447-3 (b):

§447-3 Employment of and practice by dental hygienists.

(b) Clinical dental hygiene may be practiced by a licensed dental hygienist. The practice of clinical dental hygiene is defined as the removal of hard and soft deposits and stains from the portion of the crown and root surfaces to the depth of the gingival sulcus, polishing natural and restored surfaces of teeth, the application of preventive chemical agents to the coronal surfaces of teeth, which chemical agents have been approved by the board of dental examiners, and the use of mouth washes approved by the board,...

The HBODE has proposed this allowable duty requiring **only on the job training** by a dentist, without standardized education, testing, or means of regulation. The reason (cited by Dr. Chun of the HBODE) is to lower cost of applying fluoride and increase access, because dental assistants’ hourly salary is much lower than dental hygienists’ hourly salary. Fluoride costs about a dollar a dose and takes, at most, three minutes to apply. Yet, the fees for applying topical fluoride vary from \$15-30.00. Whether or not dental assistants are allowed this duty will not change the fees that dentists charge, and therefore, will not save the public money or increase access. It will increase the profit margin for the dentist, while putting public safety at risk.

Fluoride is a well-accepted preventive agent in the hands of licensed professionals. **It is also a known poison with specific contraindications with specific products on specific patients. Serious known risks include toxic overdose and even anaphylactic shock. Children especially, deserve the safe application of various fluoride treatments by licensed professionals, who possess the knowledge, skill, training, and licensure, and, who understand the chemical ingredients, risks, and contraindications.**

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
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Please DEFER this bill.

Thank you,

Russell Fitton

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
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MICHAEL DANG, DDS

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

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When: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
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Gerraine Hignite	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The name change to Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene is appropriate since the last year a state dental hygiene exam was administered in 2005. Currently, the board regulates dentists, dental Hygienists and dental auxiliary. The members who serve on the board do so on a voluntary basis, the addition of 3 Hygienists would not be a burden because licensing fees are collected in order to be registered in Hawaii. Allowing a total of 5 Hygienists will appropriately represent the approx 1000 registered Hygienists in the state. Hygienists' scope of practice is very important on the dental team. They are required to graduate from an accredited hygiene curriculum and fulfill continuing education requirements. Unlicensed and unregulated dental auxiliary should not be allowed to do duties that are within the hygienists' scope of practice. I humbly ask for your support of HB696.

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HB696

Submitted on: 3/31/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lili Horton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Hori, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. Changing the board of dental examiners will decrease the standard of care! Licensure by reciprocity is dangerous remember Lilly Geyer? Dental assistants can apply fluoride just as well as anyone! Restricting them will decrease the effectiveness of the DDS and RDA!

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

To the House Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Todd Haruki and I stand in opposition to House Bill 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. I recognize the legislature's intent to promote good oral health policies, but this bill does not accomplish that. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction. Please defer this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

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Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha –

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please do NOT advance HB 696.

Thank you for your time,

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Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Regarding: Testimony opposing HB 696

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

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Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696.

It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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April 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Hearing on House Bill 696

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please defeat this measure.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. This proposed bill changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The issue with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This is an issue because not only will it increase costs of delivering services, but will not promote oral health in the state of Hawaii.

Please HOLD this measure.

I appreciate your time,

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Testimony opposing HB 696 relating to health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please defeat HB 696.

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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service.

In addition, this bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I oppose HB 696.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Testimony IN OPPOSITIN of HB 696, Relating to Health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Malia Kamisugi and I am opposition of HB 696 because it does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not proven to be successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Due to Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

I urge you NOT to advance this measure.

| Michelle Kobayashi |

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Aloha Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Michelle Kobayashi and I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill could potentially increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications. The increase of dentists is not needed in Hawaii when looking at the current number.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners

Please hold House Bill 696.

Mahalo,

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Re: HB 696
Position: IN OPPOSITION
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
From: Dr. Dayton Lum

Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee –

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service.

Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Mahalo,
Dayton Lum

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HB696

Submitted on: 4/1/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris McNeil	chris mcneil dds ltd	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am a dentist practicing in Wailuku, Maui and I strongly oppose HB 696

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date and time: April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

To Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee members,

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. **Please do not pass this bill.**

Thank you,
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR

RE: HOUSE BILL 696, RELATING TO HEALTH

ALOHA CHAIR BAKER, VICE CHAIR NISHIHARA, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE,
CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH COMMITTEE,

MY NAME IS WAYNE S. H. LEONG AND I AM WRITING IN OPPOSITION TO REVISE HB
696 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS AND INCREASE
DENTAL HYGIENIST REPRESENTATION. THE GOAL OF PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH IN
THE STATE WILL NOT BE MET WITH THIS BILL. THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN HEARD
AND DEFEATED BY PRIOR COMMITTEES.

THIS BILL ALSO AUTHORIZES LICENSING BY RECIPROCITY WHICH POSES A RISK TO
THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, THE BILL
PROHIBITS PERSONS FROM EMPLOYING, DIRECTING, OR ORDERING A DENTAL
ASSISTANT OR OTHER PERSON TO PERFORM SERVICES OR PROCEDURES WITHIN
THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE. THE EFFECT OF THIS PROVISION IS
THAT DENTAL ASSISTANTS WILL BE BARRED FROM APPLYING TOPICAL FLUORIDE
UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED DENTIST. THIS IS A STEP IN THE WRONG
DIRECTION.

I URGE YOU TO DEFER THIS MEASURE.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction. **Please defer this bill.**

Kathleen Kujiraoka

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Re: HB 696, Relating to Health
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Room: 229

To Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and committee members –

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Please defeat this measure.

Dr. Chris Lee

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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Re: HB 696 – TESTIMONY OPPOSING BILL

Hearing: April 5, 2017, 9:00 AM

Room: State Capitol 229

From: Dr. Duane Tamashiro, DDS

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

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Re: House Bill 696, Relating to Health
Hearing: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

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Dr. Jaclyn Palola

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

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Please defeat this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 9:00 AM

Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee –

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Cherie Uchida

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Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Committee: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. **Please defer this bill**, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

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Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Committee: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

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Kevin M. Suehiro

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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Re: House Bill 696, relating to health – IN OPPOSITION

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Re: HB 696, RELATING TO HEALTH

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

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Clyde Uchida

| Randall P. Jaurequi DDS

Testimony for HB 696

Position: OPPOSE

Hearing: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in **opposition** to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees and does not advance the goal of promoting oral health in Hawaii.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which threatens the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction.

Please defer this bill.

Mahalo,

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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Re: HB 696, Relating to Health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

The proposed HB 696 does not increase oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful in Hawaii. This bill does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents and only increases the costs. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please do not pass this measure.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

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Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not pass this bill.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents and has not been successful. Hawaii would be the only state to limit dental assistants from applying topical fluoride. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you for your time,
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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Re: House Bill 696, Relating to Health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Dr. Clay Kurisaki and I oppose HB 696 relating to health.

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill could increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii. The expanded qualifications applicants may fulfill only decreases the safety for the community of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I ask you to defer this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Bert Sumikawa and I practice at Pediatric Dental Group in Honolulu. I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to make the cost of providing a much-needed service rise. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I ask you to NOT advance HB 696.

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April 5, 2017

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am **OPPOSED** to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 696 RELATING TO HEALTH

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Allison Tran-Yokota and I oppose HB 696 relating to health.

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. This provision is particularly concerning due to Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

I urge that you defer House Bill 696 at this time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of HB696 SD1. I'm a practicing dental hygienist on the Big Island of Hawaii and have been doing so for 25 years. Changing the name of the Board of Dental examiners to better describe the boards purpose and function is only logical. Hygienists on outer islands need to be represented on the board, our needs differ very much from the larger city needs. Our present representation is unequal in that such a small number of hygienists(2) sit on a board that is suppose to regulate such a large number of hygienists licenced in the state of Hawaii. Our profession is still one that is regulated by a similar but different group of professionals, our concerns and view may differ at times. The Arizona Dental Hygiene Committee consists of one dentist and one dental hygienist from the board, plus four additional dental hygienists and one public member. The committee serves as a forum for discussion of dental hygiene issues and advises the board on rules and proposed statute changes concerning dental hygiene education, regulation and practice. In addition, the committee evaluates CE classes for expanded functions and monitors dental hygienists' compliance with CE requirements. The Dental Hygiene Committee of California is a self-regulating dental hygiene committee in conjunction with the Department of Consumer Affairs. The committee consists of four dental hygienists, four public members and one dentist appointed by the governor. The responsibilities of DHCC include issuing, reviewing, and revoking licenses as well as developing and administering examinations. Additional functions include adopting regulations, determining fees and continuing education requirements for all hygiene licensure categories. This is where Dental hygiene is heading, the least we can do is increase our representation and change the board name.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emmeline Macanas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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TO: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Roz Baker, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and the Committee Members,

I oppose the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety.

This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Respectfully,
Tian He

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chairs and Committee Members –

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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**IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 696
RELATING TO HEALTH**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

HB 696 changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I OPPOSE HB 696.

This bill will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene.

The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction.

Please HOLD this measure.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

Aloha Members of the Committee -

I am a dentist in Honolulu and I **OPPOSE HB 696.**

This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii. In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride, which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. Also, the proposed revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners do not advance the goal of promoting oral health here in Hawaii.

Please HOLD HB 696 at this time.

Mahalo,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:00 AM

RE: HB 696: OPPOSE

Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members –

I am writing in opposition to HB 696.

HB 696 changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members.

The problem with these changes is that they do not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. The bill does not promote oral health in the state.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 229

RE: Testimony in opposition to House Bill 696

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction. Please defer this bill.

Many thanks,
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
HAWAII STATE SENATORS
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. **Please do not pass this bill.**

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To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

RE: Testimony in opposition to House Bill 696

Committee Members -

I am a dentist in Kamuela and I OPPOSE House Bill 696.

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

Thank you,

Leesa Miyasato, DDS

**IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 696
RELATING TO HEALTH**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Steven Kanemoto and I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii. This bill will not advance oral health care in Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Mikulik DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am submitting oppose testimony to House Bill 696. Please do not pass House Bill 696. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lance D. Ogata DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to HB696. Please defer this bill.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Good Morning,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.

Thank you,

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 696

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Conference Room 229 at the Hawaii State Capitol

To the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health -

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction. Please defer this bill.

Please do not move this measure forward.

Thank you,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelliann Rita DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please defer House Bill 696.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emi Eno Orikasa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to House Bill 696. Please do not pass.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Miyamoto DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass House Bill 696. Thank you.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Brian Sakamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please defer House Bill 696.

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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice
Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Conference Room 229 at the Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street
Regarding HB 696: IN OPPOSITION

Good morning,

I am a dentist in AIEA and I oppose HB 696.

This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Francis Hamada, DDS

Hawaii State Capitol
April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street

**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Senators
Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 696**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please defeat this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Oshiro	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I respectfully request for your committee to defer HB 696. Thank you.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teri A Matsumura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in favor of HB 696, SD 1 as relating to the board of dental examiners.

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*Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Senators
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair*

*Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Testimony in opposition to HB 696*

Committee Members -

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

*In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. **Please defer this bill**, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.*

Carla C. Fukumoto DDS

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the
Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to HB 696. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service.

Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee -

I oppose to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please defeat this measure.

Mahalo,

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HB696

Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Norman Snow DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Obayashi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose HB696. Please do not pass this measure. Mahalo, Dr. Dean Obayashi

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Kwang Mung Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please defeat this measure. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Divine Grace Boquiren	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacy Matsuyama-Sekioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 4/3/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Floyd Tanoue, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This testimony is in opposition to hb 696 which is scheduled for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on April 5. Please defer this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Day, DMD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I AM OPPOSE TO THE REVISIONS PROPOSED TO HB 696.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Jaclyn Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Suga, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am David Suga, DDS. Please defer hb 696.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Guy M. Horie, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSE hb 696, proposed amendments.

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HB696

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Armand Chong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in STRONG OPPOSITION to the proposals in HB 696: 1) changes to the Board of Dental Examiners; 2) licensure by reciprocity and 3) limitations on dental assistants. Please DEFER this bill. Armand Chong

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
T. Matthew Griffith, DDS, MSD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE proposed draft of HB 696.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kamille Torres	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to the proposed draft of HB 696. Please do not pass this measure.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sierra Spruce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support all parts of HB696 SD1-- The name change better reflects who the Board represents and those that it represents. The additional dental hygienists will represent the voices of the many hygienists who are under represented on the current board. Also this bill will mandate that unlicensed dental assistants cannot perform the same duties that licensed dental hygienists perform. I urge you to support this Bill Sierra Spruce, RDH

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**Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Senators**

**Hearing Date and Time: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Regarding: HB 696- in opposition**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Michael Pampalon and I am a member of the American Dental Association. I am writing in opposition of House Bill 696.

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you for considering my testimony opposing HB 696.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

415 South Beretania Street

Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members -

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696, relating to health. This bill changes the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

I am opposed to this bill.

Thanks,

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 696 RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

In the proposal to change Part II: expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

Proposed change HB 696 Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please DO NOT PASS HB 696.

Thank you,

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha –

I am opposed to HB 696.

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limits dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not pass this bill.

Please do not pass this measure.

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To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Date and time: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Scott Morita and I am an Orthodontics. I oppose House Bill 696, relating to health.

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. I do not believe this is a step in the right direction.

I am opposed to this bill.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Testimony opposing HB 696

Dear Hawaii State Senators,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene – which would limit the dental assistants from applying topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please do not move HB 696 forward.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

Mahalo,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 229

COMMITTEE MEMBERS,

MY NAME IS MICHAEL WONG AND **I OPPOSE HB 696, RELATING TO HEALTH.**

THE PROPOSED HB 696 DOES NOT PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH IN OUR STATE. LICENSURE RECIPROCITY HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND IT DOES NOT ENSURE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS. THE PROVISIONS LIMITING DENTAL ASSISTANTS FROM APPLYING TOPICAL FLUORIDE WOULD MAKE HAWAII THE ONLY STATE TO HAVE SUCH A LIMITATION. HAWAII'S CHILDREN HAVE SOME OF THE POOREST ORAL HEALTH SCORES OF ANY STATE, SO THIS PROVISION IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNING. I ALSO OPPOSE CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS BILL.

THANK YOU,

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Testimony opposing HB 696
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM

Aloha -

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This is a step in the wrong direction. This proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state

DO NOT PASS THIS MEASURE.

Keri Anne Wong, DDS

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To Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Lisa Valderueda and I am a dentist in Waipahu. **I oppose HB 696.**

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not pass this bill.

PLEASE DO NOT PASS HB 696.

Thank you,

Lisa Valderueda, DM

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 2:00 AM
Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol**

Aloha -

My name is Cy Tenn and I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. I do not think this bill will advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state of Hawaii. This proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction.

I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you,

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Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Place: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Regarding: Testimony opposing HB 696

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in **opposition to HB 696**. This bill changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. House Bill 696 does not promote oral health in the state.

I urge you to hold this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair and Vice Chair -

I am in opposition to HB 696, relating to health. I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill could increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications. I do not believe this needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I am opposed to this measure.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and committee members –

I am a General Dentist and I **oppose HB 696**.

The proposed HB 696, relating to health does not promote oral health in Hawaii. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure acceptable protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Testimony in opposition to HB 696

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Stacie Sueda and I am a member of the Hawaii Dental Association. I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step will lead us back in the advancement of oral health care.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
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Testimony opposing HB 696 relating to health

To the committee members -

I am writing in *opposition to HB 696*. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

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In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This costs of delivering services will increase and will not promote oral health in the state.

I urge you to hold this bill. Do not let it move forward.

Testimony in opposition to House Bill 696 relating to health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Tina Tom and I am writing in **opposition of HB 696** to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This proposal has been heard and defeated in prior committees. This bill will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state.

This bill also approves licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction.

Please oppose this measure.

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To: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Senators

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Where: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Regarding: Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 696

Committee Members -

I am writing in **opposition** to HB 696. This bill changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The main issue with these changes is that it does not mirror the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. This bill does not promote oral health in the state of Hawaii.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This increases the public health and safety concern and has not been successful in Hawaii.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

I do not support HB 696.

Thank you,

John Morioka

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday April 5, 2017
TIME: 9:00AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229

Re: SB RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE

I speak in support of HB696 SD1 HSCR825. to reflect that the BODE represents the licensed professions of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. The number of dental hygienists in the State of Hawaii is nearly the same as the number of dentists in Hawaii and as this number continues to increase, the number of hygienists may actually surpass the number of dentists that practice in our state.

The dental hygiene representation on the Board as it now exists is disproportionate and not balanced. This Bill would increase the number of dental hygienists on the BODE.

I have served on the Dental Advisory Committee for the Hawaii Regulated Industry Complaint's Office (RICO) for 23 years and I am honored to continue to do so. 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 testifying before you today as licensed clinician in Hawaii, I am also speaking to you as a dental hygiene educator, researcher and practice management consultant. Dental hygienists in Hawaii are well-educated, licensed professionals who should be present in representative numbers to assist in regulating their own profession. I urge you to pass HB696 SD1 HSCR825..

Sincerely,

Laura A. Mallery-Sayre, RDH. MSDHED

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Zach Dodson and I am in opposition of HB 696. The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Takata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB 696 SD1

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii. Also, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service. The revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners will not advance oral health care in Hawaii.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee -

My name is Jeffrey Kagihara and I have my own dental practice which I took over from my grandfather, Dr. Motoi Hirata, who practiced dentistry in Honolulu for more than 60 years. I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Please DO NOT PASS HB 696.

Mahalo,

Jeffrey Kagihara

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 696
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Conference Room 229 at the Hawaii State Capitol

To the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health-

My name is Arthur Kamisugi and I OPPOSE HB 696 relating to health.

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service.

In addition, this bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please do not move this measure forward.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Testimony in opposition of HB 696

Good Morning -

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This bill will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and will only increase the costs. This proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees and should not be passed.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction for Hawaii and I hope you do NOT advance this measure.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 AT 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Baker and Committee Members -

My name is Scott Takiguchi and I have been practicing restorative and cosmetic dentistry for over 30 years. I am writing to OPPOSE HB 696 relating to health.

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 696

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill could increase the number of practicing dentists without the guarantee of recent educational qualifications. I don't think this is needed given the current number of dentists in the state.

Also, this bill does not allow dental assistants from applying topical fluoride. This will increase the costs of providing a much-needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS BILL.

Thank you for your time,

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Comments: Please do not pass HB696.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Philip Park and I am in General Dentistry. **I oppose House Bill 696, relating to health.** This bill changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

I OPPOSE HB 696.

Philip Park

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 229

ALOHA CHAIR BAKER, VICE CHAIR NISHIHARA, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE,
CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH COMMITTEE,

MY NAME IS JENNIFER HIROTA AND I HAVE BEEN PRACTICING DENTISTRY SINCE
2005. I AM A MEMBER OF THE HAWAII DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND I OPPOSE HB 696.

THE PROPOSED HB 696 DOES NOT PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH IN OUR STATE. LICENSURE
RECIPROCITY HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND IT DOES NOT ENSURE ADEQUATE
PROTECTION FOR HAWAII RESIDENTS. THE PROVISIONS LIMITING DENTAL ASSISTANTS
FROM APPLYING TOPICAL FLUORIDE WOULD MAKE HAWAII THE ONLY STATE TO HAVE
SUCH A LIMITATION. HAWAII'S CHILDREN HAVE SOME OF THE POOREST ORAL HEALTH
SCORES OF ANY STATE, SO THIS PROVISION IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNING. I ALSO
OPPOSE CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS
BILL.

PLEASE DO NOT ADVANCE HOUSE BILL 696.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I OPPOSE HB 696.

My name is Craig Nunokawa and I **oppose HB 696** relating to health.

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not pass this bill.

Please HOLD this measure.

Thank you,

Craig Nunokawa
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April 5, 2017
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
In opposition to HB 696 relating to health

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am a dentist in Mililani and I am writing in opposition of HB 696, relating to health.

I am opposition to HB 696 in its entirety. This bill could potentially increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications. This is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you,

William Lum

From: erik.tinhan@gmail.com
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: Opposition to HB 696 SD1
Date: Saturday, April 1, 2017 7:09:05 PM

My name is Dr. Erik TinHan, I AM A DENTIST practicing IN Honolulu, Pearl City, and Kona **AND I OPPOSE** HB 696 SD1 BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

By lowering the bar for licensure to practice you would be putting the public at risk. We already had one child's death attributed to a dentist licensed during a period of relaxed licensure requirements. Legislation which was also, coincidentally, also put forth by Sen. Baker.

In addition, the restrictions on assistant's abilities is clearly a 'turf war' instigated by the hygienists. This bill effectively prevents anyone, including dentists, from doing anything that a hygienist is licensed to do. This bill if passed would cause many dentists to be forced to lat-off their dental auxiliaries and possibly close their businesses which would only cause a real access to care issue, rather than a perceived one. Please vote to defeat this bill. Thank you.

Dr. Erik TinHan

TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Time: 9:00 AM

Aloha Senator Rosalyn Baker and Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II allows applicants an expanded amount of required qualifications that they may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please defeat this measure.

Thank you,

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Joycelyn Swan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Room 229

Re: Opposition in HB 696

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Myren Severin and I have 45 years of experience in the dentistry with a specialty in General Dentistry. I am writing in **opposition of HB 696 relating to health.**

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not pass this bill.

Please oppose this bill.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

April 5, 2017
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229, 9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service.

Please defer HB 696, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

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From: [Gloria Shibuya](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
Subject: HB696 SD1
Date: Sunday, April 2, 2017 5:15:58 AM

To Senators Baker and Nishihara and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I am in support of HB 696 SD 1, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited duties of unlicensed dental assistants as well as changing the name of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene, in addition to increasing the number of Dental Hygienists on the Board from 2 to 5.

Respectfully,
Gloria Shibuya

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
AND HEALTH**

April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

**Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,**

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

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**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229**

Committee Members -

I am writing in opposition to HB 696.

It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

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Please do NOT advance this measure.

Thank you,

Richard H. Tamaru

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Aloha -

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

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Please do not pass this bill.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

Ashley M. Takiguchi DDS

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committees -

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service bill.

In addition, this bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii. Please defer this bill, including the amendments to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Harvey Misaki and I practice in Wahiawa. I oppose HB 696, relating to health.

The proposed HB 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity does not ensure adequate protection and has not been successful in Hawaii. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. P

I urge you to oppose HB 696.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing to you in opposition to House Bill 696.

The proposed House Bill 696 does not promote oral health in our state. Licensure reciprocity has not been successful and it does not ensure adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limiting dental assistants from applying topical fluoride would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not pass this bill.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cynthia Ichiriu Keller

April 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Brianna Fuentes and I have been a dental and orthodontic assistant in Hawaii for almost 17 years now. I am writing about this matter because it affects me professionally, financially, and hits home as well.

I understand the value of a hygienist; I wanted to be one when I was younger. However, I have chosen to make my career path in the dental community as an assistant. Being a good assistant takes skill, a skill that was not learned overnight and has increased with years of experience. Which then made my worth financially increase over the years. Although it may not be financially as great as a hygienist, is a very rewarding career path and something I take pride in.

I believe that if you take away skill sets from the dental assistant we will indeed loose value. When we loose value, it affects us financially as well. Living in a place that is already hard to make ends meet, by devaluing us affects our families and our lifestyle. It may even leave a lot of us searching for other professions, or even worse, unemployed.

If this matter goes into affect it will give hygienists the duties that has and is being accomplished by dental assistants today and then driving all the workforce to the hygienists hands making patient care limited.

Assistants have become so much more than just an "assistant". We have become patient advocates, treatment coordinators, financial, and front office administrators, etc. Our skill allows us to be involved in various positions in the practice. 50% of assistants account for employees in most dental practices and are ran by assistants.

I ask kindly, that thought and consideration for our community of dental assistants that have impacted patient care and dental organizations that this matter could potentially affect the way people work and especially for the way people live and how they make that living. Dental assistants hold a special love for dentistry that we have committed to, and understand the rewards and struggles that come with it. Please do not force us to choose different paths because our worth was taken away.

Please allow me to be the voice of reason and give our future assistants the chance to continue our place in the dental community.

Sincerely,
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATOR CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, VICE CHAIR**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017 AT 9:00 AM
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 229**

**CHAIR BAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND
HEALTH COMMITTEE -**

I AM WRITING IN OPPOSITION TO HB 696. IT CHANGES THE NAME OF THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE; BEGINNING ON 7/1/2018, CHANGES THE BOARD COMPOSITION BY INCREASING DENTAL HYGIENIST REPRESENTATION AND ENSURING OAHU AND NEIGHBOR ISLAND REPRESENTATION AMONG DENTAL HYGIENIST MEMBERS. THE PROBLEM WITH THESE CHANGES IS THAT IT DOES NOT REFLECT THE RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY AND TRAINING/EDUCATION OF DENTISTS. IT DOES NOT PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH IN THE STATE.

PROPOSED HB 696 PART II EXPANDS THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS THAT APPLICANTS MAY FULFILL AS PART OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL LICENSURE. THIS HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN HAWAII AND IS A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERN.

IN THE PROPOSAL TO CHANGE PART III: THIS BILL PROHIBITS PERSONS FROM EMPLOYING, DIRECTING, OR ORDERING A DENTAL ASSISTANT OR OTHER PERSON TO PERFORM SERVICES OR PROCEDURES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE - WHICH MEANS THAT DENTAL ASSISTANTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO APPLY TOPICAL FLUORIDE. THIS WILL INCREASE COSTS OF DELIVERING SERVICES AND WILL NOT PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH IN THE STATE.

PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS MEASURE.

**THANK YOU,
CRAIG HARUKI**

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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Testimony in opposition of HB 696

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee -

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction.

Please **OPPOSE** this bill.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

RE: HB 686, OPPOSE

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing service that is much needed. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I urge you to hold this measure at this time.

Thank you,

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

April 5, 2017 AT 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street

Chairs and Committee Members -

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction.

I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229**

**Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce,
Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,**

**My name is Michael Nishime and I have been in the private practice of
dentistry since 1981. I oppose House Bill 696 relating to health.**

**I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of
dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not
advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has
been heard and defeated by prior committees.**

**This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the
health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons
from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to
perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene.
The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from
applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a
step in the wrong direction.**

Please do NOT advance HB 696.

Michael L. Nishime

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To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

To the Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please oppose HB 696.

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HB696

Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Hiramoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass this bill. Thank you.

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Catherine Vargas, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I urge you to defer this bill. Thanks.

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HB696

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Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leila Wong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To Whom It May Concern, I am a dental hygienist working in offices in Kaneohe and Honolulu. I strongly oppose HB 696 because of its potential negative impact on the health and SAFETY of our community. Please defer this bill. This bill has been gutted and replaced with wording about dentistry and dental hygiene that will have negative impacts on SAFETY of our community.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Conference Room 329

Hawaii State Capitol

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am in opposition to the proposal to change HB 696 relating to health in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the guarantee of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill stops dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

I urge you not to pass this measure.

Thank you for your time,

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu Hawaii 96813

Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee –

I am writing in **opposition to revise HB 696** to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state and this proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This is a step in the wrong direction. **Please defer this bill.**

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Testimony opposing HB 696
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM

Aloha -

I am writing in opposition to revise HB 696 to change the name of the board of dental examiners and increase dental hygienist representation. This is a step in the wrong direction. This proposal has been heard and defeated by prior committees.

This bill also authorizes licensing by reciprocity which poses a risk to the health and safety of our community. Additionally, the bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. The effect of this provision is that dental assistants will be barred from applying topical fluoride under the supervision of a licensed dentist. This will not advance the goal of promoting oral health in the state

DO NOT PASS THIS MEASURE.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696. It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. This bill does not promote oral health in the state and is a negative step in oral health care.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

Please do NOT pass this measure.

Erik Wong

**To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229**

Aloha -

The proposed HB 696, relating to health, will not promote oral health in Hawaii. Licensure reciprocity has not shown to be successful and it does not guarantee adequate protection for Hawaii residents. The provisions limit dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which would make Hawaii the only state to have such a limitation. Hawaii's children have some of the poorest oral health scores of any state, so this provision is particularly concerning. I also oppose changes to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please defer HB 696.

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**To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
When: April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. This bill has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Christopher E. Yim

**To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair and Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
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Please defer HB 696.

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Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:00 AM
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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

My name is Dr. Ken Yasuhara and I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety. With this bill, the number of practicing dentists could increase without the assurance of recent educational qualifications. I don't believe it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much-needed service. Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Please do NOT advance this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/4/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Berton Wong DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose HB696.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Committee Members -

I am opposed to the proposal to change HB 696 in its entirety.

HB 696 has the potential to increase the number of practicing dentists without the assurance of recent educational qualifications and it is not needed given the current number of dentists in the state of Hawaii.

In addition, this bill prevents dental assistants from applying topical fluoride which will only tend to increase the cost of providing a much needed service.

Please defer this bill, including the revisions to the name and composition of the Board of Dental Examiners.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB 696.

It changes the name of the board of dental examiners to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene; beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. The problem with these changes is that it does not reflect the responsibility/liability and training/education of dentists. It does not promote oral health in the state.

Proposed HB 696 Part II expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure. This has not been successful in Hawaii and is a public health and safety concern.

In the proposal to change Part III: this bill prohibits persons from employing, directing, or ordering a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene - which means that dental assistants will not be allowed to apply topical fluoride. This will increase costs of delivering services and will not promote oral health in the state.

Please OPPOSE this bill.

Thank you,

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Submitted on: 4/3/2017

Testimony for CPH on Apr 5, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Wakai, DMD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to the HB 696, PROPOSED Senate Draft scheduled for hearing on April 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This bill poses a risk to the health and safety of our Hawaii community. Please DEFER this bill.

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