

# SB343

Measure Title: RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE.

Report Title: Dental Licensure; Examination; Other Qualifications

Description: Expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications.

Companion: HB560

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): BAKER, INOUYE, KEITH-AGARAN, S. Chang, Espero, Ihara, Kidani, Nishihara

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

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

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2017

Friday, February 24, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 343, RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE.**

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 on Senate Bill No. 343, which expands the qualifications for dental licensure by including passage of other examinations which are substantively similar to ADEX, dental licensure in another state, and other qualifications.

The Board supports the intent of this measure, however, it cannot support the bill as written. The Board is opposed to reciprocal licensure as some states license dentists through additional education without the passage of a clinical examination. The Board believes there may be a public safety issue by not focusing on the competency of the practitioner rather than the quantity of practitioners. Passage of the clinical examination is essential in measuring competency and ensuring the safety of the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 343.



## Hawaii Dental Association

To: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health  
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., February 24, 2017  
Location: Capitol Conference Room 229  
Re: **SB 343, Relating to Dental Licensure**

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 respectfully **oppose** SB 343 which expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications.

We recognize the legislature's intent to ensure the health and safety of Hawaii residents. We believe, however, that this bill will not advance that goal. Licensing by "reciprocity" does not adequately ensure safety and appears to seek to address a shortage which does not exist. We ask that you do not advance this measure.

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

**I am submitting testimony to oppose SB343.**

This bill will essentially allow dental licensure by credentials and will remove the ADEX exam as our licensure exam. The ADEX examination is both a didactic and clinical exam, which includes showing competency doing procedures on actual live patients. There are some states that allow licensure by only completing a post-graduate residency and no clinical competency exam at all (example, New York state.) So, if this bill passes we would be allowing dentists to practice in our state without showing any clinical competency on an exam. I have been an ADEX examiner for the last four years, both here in Hawaii and on the mainland. This exam is currently accepted in 43 US states and jurisdictions, including recent acceptance in California. It is on track to becoming a national exam and is given around the country throughout the year. As an examiner, I have seen firsthand dental work come to be graded which is highly substandard and could cause injury to a patient. I recently returned from grading the exam at NYU dental school in New York City and saw dental work done that I would not want to see any patient receive. There is no reason to change this proven and fair exam. Reciprocity will allow any dentist who has been licensed for a minimum of 5 years to get a Hawaii license simply by doing the paperwork involved with the DCCA and showing their credentials. As an analogy, you would not want the pilot of your plane to have only received training on a flight simulator. As a dental board examiner, I am charged with protecting the safety of the public. The last time this was allowed to happen, Dr. Lilly Geyer, as well as an oral surgeon, who obtained their licenses during a short period of time that we allowed licensure by credentials, to kill or seriously injure patients under their care. I feel this bill would endanger the public safety.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elora Morton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Mark Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill disregards our public safety. We have a good test in the ADEX exam AND should Any dentist wishing to provide care in Hawaii they will still be allowed to, once they demonstrate they can pass it if they have not taken one beyond 5 years ago. It shows their sincerity to be a part of this community. There are 43 states which accept the ADEX. There is no reason to change our law as it stands now.

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Tyeanne Lubking	Individual	Oppose	No

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mendel sato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSE!

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Wayne Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Wesley Choy	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lili Horton, DMD, MS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senate Chair Baker and Committee Members, I have been a practicing dentist in Hawaii since 1986 and respectively oppose SB343. The ADEX exam was first administered in Hawaii in 2005 and is currently accepted in more than 40 states and jurisdictions. A national exam does not currently exist, and there is no consensus among the states about a national exam. Without that consensus, there is no guarantee that other exams are “substantively” equivalent. The Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners has worked hard over the years to evaluate dental candidate’s competency to ensure the public safety. Special interest legislation to benefit any dentist who cannot pass or refuse to take the ADEX exam does not serve the public safety issue. Thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to SB343.

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Blake Matsuura	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have concerns with this Bill and how it may affect the overall quality of dental care in Hawaii.

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Scott Kanamori DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

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Malia Kamisugi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Patient care is already going too "corporate" and dental standards can not be improved with doctors that are not "in state" and willing/able to stand by their work. Many that want reciprocity want to justify vacation homes by "sharing" practices once or twice a year, and are not doing it to better the dental health of Hawaii's people, nor are they available to address their patients ongoing care... It will do nothing to improve, and will likely hurt, our already atrocious state of dental health in Hawaii. Improving public service messages and education WILL help our people, and attention should be placed in those arenas. The real issue is that the public is not seeking the services of the many many talented dentists already in Hawaii. We are not underserved, but underutilized.

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Aaron Colby	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ammon Boyd Koaikapono Whigham	Individual	Support	No

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Mitchell Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill has been brought up and defeated previously. The question is why does reciprocity improve conditions. Using physicians as the model, where reciprocity has been in place for some time, has there been an improvement of care, access, delivery. The answer is no. The problem is not number of dentists in Hawaii. The legislature must provide better reasoning than emotional reactions.

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Craig Kimura	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chad Kawashima	Individual	Oppose	No

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Derek H. Ichimura, D.M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Merina Cashe	Individual	Oppose	No

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**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF SB 343 RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE**

**Friday, February 24, 2017**

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

My name is Dr. Dean Arashiro and I am writing to respectfully request that you OPPOSE SB 343 relating to dental licensure.

The bill expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications. If SB 343 is passed, it would initiate the idea of "licensure by reciprocity," which could lower the overall quality of dental care in Hawaii.

Please do not pass this measure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dean Arashiro, DDS, MS, LTD

Testimony

**SB 343, Relating to Dental Licensure**

Hearing date and time: Friday, February 24, 2017 at 9:30 am  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

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

My name is Chris Lee. I am a pediatric dentist in Honolulu, writing to you in my individual capacity. I **oppose SB 343** which expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications.

I believe that this bill will not ensure better quality of care for our patients. This measure could lower the overall quality of care in Hawaii.

Please do not advance this measure.

Thank you,

Chris Lee, DDS



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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and committee members –

My name is Shelliann Kawamoto and I am an orthodontist in Honolulu. I am a member of the Hawaii Dental Association, American Dental Association, and American Association of Orthodontists.

I am submitting testimony **opposing SB 343 relating to dental licensure.**

I appreciate the legislature's efforts to improve the state of oral healthcare in Hawaii. However, I foresee this bill delivering a negative outcome for our patients, as it may lower the quality of oral health care in Hawaii through licensure by reciprocity.

Thank you for your time,

Shelliann Kawamoto, DDS, MS

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health, Hawaii State Senate

February 24, 2017  
9:30 am  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Room 229

**Testimony OPPOSING SB 343, RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE**

Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and members of the committee –

My name is Wayne Leong and I writing to you regarding Senate Bill 343.

I oppose SB 343, which expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications. This bill would initiate the concept of licensure by reciprocity. SB 343 is a step backwards in terms of providing quality oral health care in Hawaii. Please oppose this bill.

Warm Regards,

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| Scott L. Morita, D.D.S., M.S.

**Testimony for SB 343 relating to dental licensure**

**Position: OPPOSE**

Hearing: Friday, February 24, 2017 at 9:30 am  
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Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

My name is Dr. Scott Morita. I am currently the president of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) Young Dentist Group and chair of the community outreach program Give Kids a Smile in Hawaii. I also serve as the president of the Hawaii Orthodontic Society and am a member of the American Association of Orthodontics.

**I oppose SB 343**, which "expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications." This bill sets the stage for "licensure by reciprocity," and it could lower the overall quality of oral health care in Hawaii.

With appreciation for your consideration,

Dr. Scott Morita, DDS, MS

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Friday, February 24, 2017, 9:30 AM  
Hawaii State Capitol Room 229

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB 343 RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Michael Pampalon, and I specialize in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. My practice is focused on extractions (including wisdom teeth), implants, trauma, pathology, reconstructive surgery and outpatient anesthesia.

I am submitting this testimony in opposition of SB 343. If passed, this bill would initiate the idea of "licensure by reciprocity." This measure has the great potential of lowering the overall quality of care in Hawaii.

Please oppose this measure.

Thank you for your time,

Michael Pampalon, DMD

Friday, February 24, 2017

Hearing time: 9:30 A.M.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

State Capitol Room 229

SB 343 RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE

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

My name is Matthew Dodson. I am submitting this testimony to request that you defer SB 343 relating to dental licensure. **I oppose this bill** which expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications. The bill triggers the concept of "licensure by reciprocity," a move that could lower the overall quality of dental care in our state.

Please do not pass SB 343.

Mahalo,

Matthew Dodson, DDS  
845 Wainee St., Ste. 201  
Lahaina, HI 96761

Friday, February 24, 2017  
Time: 9:30 A.M.  
Location: State Capitol Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

**RE: SB 343 RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Senate Committee Members on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

My name is Dr. Wesley Choy. I am writing today **in opposition to SB 343** that expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications.

This bill will not assist in the advancement of improving oral health care because it will initiate licensure by reciprocity, and I hope you defer this measure.

Respectfully,

Dr. Wesley Choy, DDS  
1744 Liliha St # 101  
Honolulu, HI 96817

HEATHER HEARON, DMD

February 24, 2017

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Hawaii State Senate

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

My name is Dr. Heather Hearon and I have been practicing dentistry at Hawaii Family Dental since 2013. I am writing this testimony **in opposition of SB 343 relating to dental licensure.**

This bill expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications.

SB 343 will not assist in the advancement of improving oral health care for our state. It may also initiate "licensure by reciprocity," a move that could lower the overall quality of dental care in Hawaii. Please do not advance this measure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Hearon, DMD



To: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Errol Yim and I have been in practice as an orthodontist since 1974, serving children, teens and adults on both Oahu and Hawaii Island.

I am writing to respectfully **oppose SB 343**, which expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications. This sets Hawaii's dental industry back in terms of delivering quality oral health care.

Please oppose SB 343.

Thank you,

Errol Y.W. Yim, DDS, MS

# Honolulu Dental Group

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Curt S. Shimizu, DDS  
1441 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 412  
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February 24, 2017

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

My name is Curt Shimizu and I am a general practice dentist in Honolulu where I have had my practice for over 30 years. I have served as a president of the Hawaii Dental Association and continue to volunteer with the organization as a way to meaningfully contribute to the improved oral health of our state. I am submitting testimony **in opposition of SB 343**.

SB 343 expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications. This bill introduces "licensure by reciprocity," and stands to lower the overall quality of Hawaii's dental health care.

Sincerely,

Curt S. Shimizu, DDS

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*February 24, 2017*

*9:30 AM*

*Senate Bill 343*

*The Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and Health Committee*

*415 S. Beretania Street*

*State Capitol Room 229*

*To: Members of the committee*

I am writing **in opposition to SB 343**. This bill expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications." This bill sets up the idea of "licensure by reciprocity," and could lower the overall quality of oral health care in Hawaii.

Please do not pass this bill.

Jaclyn M. L. Lum, D.D.S.  
1109 Young Street, Suite 106  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

February 24, 2017

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Chair Roz Baker, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara

Friday, 02-24-17 9:30AM  
State Capitol Room 229

Re: SB 343, RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE.

My name is Jackie Lum. I've been a general dentist for 10 years, nine of them in private practice in Honolulu. My office is located at 1109 Young St. in Honolulu.

I am writing **in opposition to SB 343** which expands the required qualifications that applicants may fulfill as part of the requirements for dental licensure to include passage of other examinations substantively similar to ADEX and dental licensure in another state, along with other qualifications. This bill will allow licensure by reciprocity, which could lead to decreasing the overall quality of dental health care in Hawaii.

I believe that this bill will not ensure greater quality of care.

Please do not advance this measure.

EDMUND A. CASSELLA, DMD  
PERIODONTAL SPECIALISTS OF HAWAII

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February 24, 2017

Re: Senate Bill 343, Relating to dental licensure

To the Honorable Rosalyn Baker and Clarence Nishihara -

I am a board-certified dental specialist and have been practicing in Hawaii for over 25 years. I employ 6 full-time staff and 2 hygienists and donate a full day of services every month to the Queen's Medical Center dental residency program. I am writing today to request that you hold, and **do not advance, Senate Bill 343.**

Senate Bill 343 will allow for licensure by reciprocity, and has the great potential to impact Hawaii's dental community by lowering the overall quality of oral health care.

Please do not advance this bill.

Robert A. Baysa  
95-1099 Ainamakua Dr #1  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789

February 24, 2017

Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.

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

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara & Committee Members,

My name is Robert Baysa and I have been in practice as a dentist for 30 years in the central area of Oahu. I am submitting this testimony in the hope that you will defer SB 343, relating to dental licensure. Hawaii upholds the highest standards when it comes to dental licensure. This bill will allow for licensure by reciprocity and consequently lower the overall quality of oral health care in the state.

This bill is a step backwards in terms of delivering quality dental health care.

Warm regards,

Robert A. Baysa