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## PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
2:00 p.m.

### TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2060, H.D. 1, RELATING TO BOARDS.

TO THE HONORABLE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”) appreciates the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2060, H.D. 1. My name is Celia Suzuki, and I am the Licensing Administrator of the Departments’ Professional and Vocational and Licensing Division (“PVL”). PVL appreciates the intent of this measure and provides the following comments.

H.B. 2060, H.D. 1 removes the word “Examiners” from the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Dental Examiners, Board of Examiners in Optometry, and Board of Veterinary Examiners. The measure renames the boards with titles that accurately reflect their scope and duties.

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the Board of Veterinary Examiners discussed this measure at its recent meetings in January and both support the legislation. The Board of Dental Examiners discussed this measure at its February 5, 2018, meeting and is providing its own comments. The Board of Examiners in Optometry is scheduled to meet on March 19, 2018, but a recent poll of its members indicate strong support for the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2060, H.D. 1.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

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TO THE HONORABLE ROY M. TAKUMI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

My name is Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., and I am the Chairperson of the Board of Dental Examiners (“Board”). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2060, H.D. 1. The Board appreciates the intent of the measure but cannot support this bill as written.

H.B. 2060, H.D. 1 removes the word “Examiners” from the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Dental Examiners, Board of Examiners in Optometry, and Board of Veterinary Examiners. It also renames the boards with titles that accurately reflect their scope and duties.

The Board opposes changing its name of the Board to the “Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.” The practice of dentistry involves a team composed of a dentist, a dental hygienist, and auxiliary staff, all of whom work together in all eight specialties of dentistry and dental hygiene. Currently, not all specialties are represented on the Board.

In a poll of 53 state boards and jurisdictions, 23 state boards are named the “Board of Dentistry”; 18 are named the “Board of Dental Examiners” or “Dentistry Examiners”; six are named the “Dental Board,” and six are in health-related groups or

commissions. In the United States, only one other state board (i.e., Delaware) is named the “Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.”

In summary, the Board supports the proposal to remove “Examiners” from the state boards to accurately reflect their scope and duties. However, the Board requests removal of the word “Examiners” and the words “and Dental Hygiene,” as well, so that the Board is renamed the “Board of Dentistry,” in accordance with the practice of 23 other states.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2060, H.D. 1.



Testimony in Support of **HB 2060 HD1**, Relating to Boards

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2017-2018

February 19, 2018

Dear Respected Members of the House Committee on Intrastate Commerce:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) is in support of **HB 2060 HD1**. We would like to thank you on your leadership in initiating this discussion during the 2018 legislative session. We strongly support the removal of examiners from the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners and would suggest the name be changed to **Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene**.

It is important to note that the change of name more accurately reflects its true function, which is monitoring the licensure of Dentists **AND** Dental Hygienists. The name change appropriately reflects the Boards regulation and practice of both professions - not just dentistry. The Board has many functions and is no longer an "examining body", as is implied by the current name.

HDHA thanks you for your time and consideration of **HB 2060 HD1**. 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 are adequately reflected by the Board's name.

Thank you for your consideration.

# Petition to Submit Testimony in Support of HB2060 HD1

Petition summary and background:	As Registered Dental Hygienists in the state of Hawaii, we feel that the name change from Board of Dental Examiners to Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene appropriately reflects our profession. The members of the board are not required to act as examiners. The last Hawaii state exam was conducted in 2005.
Action petitioned for:	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT HB2060 HD1 and allow the name change to <b>Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene</b> .

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Comments:

This testimony is in strong support of HB2060 HD1 with amendment to SECTION 3. Currently, the Board of Dental Examiners does not administer a state dental or dental hygiene exam. Volunteering as an actual examiner for a board exam is optional, not required. To include the profession of dental hygiene in the title more accurately reflects this Board's regulatory scope and the recognition is greatly appreciated. To substitute the terms "Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygienists", however, is not consistent with the correct terms of the two professions. To be consistent, the name of the Board should be either "Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene" (preferred) or "Board of Dentists and Dental Hygienists". Thank you for your attention to more accurately reflect the regulation of this Board and for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH