

# HB2060 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO BOARDS.

Report Title: State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; Board of Dental Examiners; Board of Examiners in Optometry; Board of Veterinary Examiners

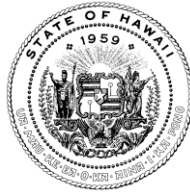
Description: Removes the word "Examiners" from the names of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Dental Examiners, Board of Examiners in Optometry, and Board of Veterinary Examiners. Renames the boards with titles that more accurately reflect their scope and duties. (HB2060 HD1)

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

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2018

Thursday, March 22, 2018  
9:15 a.m.

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

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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, Relating to Boards, which is a companion to S.B. 2201. My name is Celia Suzuki, and I am the Licensing Administrator of the Department’s 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, Board of Examiners in Optometry, and Board of Veterinary Examiners discussed this bill at their recently held meetings and all are in support. The Board of Dental Examiners discussed this proposal at its recent meetings and will be providing its own testimony at today’s hearing.

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 ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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 does not 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 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

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removing the word “Examiners” and the words “and Dental Hygiene,” 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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March 19, 2018

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

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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