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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
INTRASTATE COMMERCE

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

TO THE HONORABLE TAKASHI OHNO, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”) appreciates the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2060, Relating to Boards. 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 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 discussed this bill at its meeting on January 25, 2018, and supports the legislation. The Board of Veterinary Examiners will be discussing this measure at its February 2, 2018, meeting, as well as the Board of Dental Examiners at its February 5, 2018, meeting. The Board of Examiners in Optometry is scheduled to meet on March 19, 2018, but a poll of its members will be conducted well before then. Should this measure advance, PVL will provide the Boards' positions at the next legislative hearing.

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



Testimony in Support of HB 2060, Relating to Boards

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2017-2018

January 29, 2018

Dear Respected Members of the House Committee on Intrastate Commerce:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) supports the intent of **HB 2060**. 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 is appropriate because the Board encompasses the 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**. 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.

**HB-2060**

Submitted on: 1/27/2018 8:54:17 AM

Testimony for IAC on 1/31/2018 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Prestler Chang		Support	No

Comments:

Boards should represent themselves with names that accurately portray their scope & duties. This clarity will be beneficial to the general public & just makes sense.

**HB-2060**

Submitted on: 1/27/2018 2:59:09 PM

Testimony for IAC on 1/31/2018 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Brucato		Support	No

Comments:

This testimony is in strong support of HB2060 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

# Petition to Submit Testimony in Support of HB2060

Petition summary and background:	As Registered Dental Hygienists in the State of Hawaii, we feel that the name change from <b>Board of Dental Examiners to Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene</b> 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 and allow the name change to Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.

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