

HB2149 HD 1

Measure Title: RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

Report Title: Dentistry; Dentists; Continuing Education; Ethics;
Board of Dental Examiners

Description: Amends the ethics training requirement for dentists in the continuing education program to be six hours of ethics training within the previous two years. (HB2149 HD1)

Companion: [SB2931](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): MIZUNO, BELATTI, DECOITE, EVANS, ICHIIYAMA, SAIKI, TAKUMI, Nakashima

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

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. 2149, H.D. 1, RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

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 in support of H.B. 2149, H.D. 1, which is a companion to S.B. 2931.

This measure amends the ethics training requirement for dentists in the continuing education program to be six hours of ethics training within the previous two years.

The Board supports this bill and suggests an amendment on page 1, line 14 to clarify the continuing education requirement reporting period: “two years for each biennial renewal period.” This amendment would clarify that the licensee must complete at least six hours of ethics training in the previous two-year biennial period to comply with the continuing education requirements for renewal.

Please note that companion bill S.B. 2931, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 has already incorporated the Board’s above suggested amendment. Therefore, while the Board supports this measure, it prefers S.B. 2931, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2149, H.D. 1.



Hawaii Dental Association

To: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Time/Date: 9:15 a.m., March 22, 2018
Location: Capitol Conference Room 229
Re: HB 2149 HD1, Relating to Dentistry

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the committee! My name is Kim Nguyen and I serve as the executive director of the Hawaii Dental Association, a professional association comprised of approximately 950-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 **support the dental ethics bill**. Embedded into HDA's mission statement is a commitment to promote ethical conduct within the profession. As part of this effort, we championed an effort to require our dentists to take three hours of ethics training every year. The purpose of this bill is to provide flexibility to dentists by requiring six hours every two years instead of three hours annually. Our commitment to ethics remains strong and this keeps the hourly requirement the same while aligning to the dental license renewal, which happens every two years.

We appreciate the legislature's support of the dentistry profession and we look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
Kim Nguyen
Executive Director, Hawaii Dental Association