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**PRESENTATION OF THE
PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
INTRASTATE COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2018

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2201, S.D. 1, 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 S.B. 2201, S.D. 1, Relating to Boards, which is a companion to H.B. 2060. 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.

S.B. 2201, S.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 discussed this bill at its meeting on January 25, 2018, and the Board of Veterinary Examiners, as well, discussed this measure at its February 2, 2018, meeting and both are in support. The Board of Dental Examiners (“BODE”) discussed this proposal at its February 5, 2018, meeting and will

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be providing its own testimony at today's hearing. The Board of Examiners in Optometry is scheduled to meet on March 19, 2018, but a recent poll of its members supports the legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2201, S.D. 1.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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TO THE HONORABLE TAKASHI OHNO, 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 S.B. 2201, S.D. 1, Relating to Boards, which is a companion to H.B. 2060. The Board appreciates the intent of the measure but cannot support this bill as written.

S.B. 2201, S.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 the 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 its scope and duties. However, the Board requests removal of the word “Examiners” and the words “and Dental Hygiene,” as well, so that the Board

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is renamed the "Board of Dentistry," in accordance with the practice of 23 other states.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 2201, S.D. 1.



Testimony in Support of **SB 2201, SD1** Relating to Boards

House Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS

Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association Regulations and Practice Chairperson
2017-2018

March 12, 2018

Dear Chairperson Ohno, Vice Chair Choy and Respected Members of the House
Committee on Intrastate Commerce:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) supports **SB 2201 SD1 with amendments**. We would like to thank you on your leadership in initiating this discussion during the 2018 legislative session. We strongly support the removal of the term "examiners" from the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners and would suggest the name be amended 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 **SB 2201 SD1**. 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 SB2201,SD1

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 SB2201, SD1 and allow the name change to Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene .

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Comments:

This testimony is in strong support of SB2201 SD1 with amendment. Currently, the Board of Dental Examiners does not administer a state dental or dental hygiene exam, as they did in the past. Volunteering as an actual examiner for a dental or dental hygiene board exam is optional, not required, nor does being an examiner require being a member of a state board.

Thank you for recognizing that the inclusion of the profession of dental hygiene in the title more accurately reflects this Board's regulatory scope. However, to substitute the terms "Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygienists" 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 of the two professions of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene and for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH

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Comments: