

# SB2492

Measure Title: RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE.

Report Title: Dentists; Licensure; Licensure by Credentials

Description: Requires the board of dental examiners to issue a license by credentials to a practicing dentist who is licensed in another state and meets other specific requirements.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): BAKER, INOUYE, RIVIERE, RUDERMAN, Galuteria

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

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

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2018

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

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2492, RELATING TO DENTAL LICENSURE.**

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 S.B. 2492. The Board opposes this measure and cannot support the bill as written.

This measure requires the Board of Dental Examiners to issue a license by credentials to a practicing dentist who is licensed in another state and meets other specific requirements.

The Board recommends additional safeguards for qualification and believes a public safety issue may exist due to the bill's focus on the quantity of practitioners, rather than the quality of an individual practitioner.

For the Committee's information, there are several different pathways for dental licensure in the United States. There are seven different types of dental examinations offered, and a few states allow licensure based on completion of a graduate residency program or an examination without live patients. The American Dental Association is also developing a national dental licensure examination without the use of live patients. All "regional" examinations require a clinical examination with live patients, and the

Board believes it necessary to measure competency on live patients to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. However, the Board is concerned about recent proposals to modify the grading or scoring of a regional examination from conjunctive to compensatory scoring. Therefore, the Board recommends that this measure be held until a uniform national examination is made available.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. 2492.



## Hawaii Dental Association

To: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., February 14, 2018  
Location: Capitol Conference Room 229  
Re: SB 2492, Relating to Dental Licensure

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.

SB 2492 requires the board of dental examiners to issue a license by credentials to a practicing dentist who is licensed in another state and meets other specific requirements. We respectfully oppose this measure on the grounds of public safety and that it is not necessary, since Hawaii, along with the majority of other states, recognize recent graduates of the American Board of Dental Examiners "ADEX" exam. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you to assist in the development of sound oral health policies.

Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Health  
Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
9:00 AM  
Room 229  
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Baker and Committee Members -

I am a dentist in Kalihi and **I OPPOSE SB 2492**. I recognize the legislature's intent to promote better dental care in Hawaii, but this bill does not accomplish that. By expanding the qualifications, there is a possibility for dentists who have not recently performed procedures to become licensed dentists. I ask that you **OPPOSE** this measure.

Mahalo,  
Wesley J.J. Choy, DDS  
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Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Health  
Wednesday, February 14, 2018  
9:00 AM  
Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Good Morning -

I stand in opposition to Senate Bill 2492.

I recognize the legislature's intent to promote good oral health, but this bill will not necessarily accomplish that.

**Please DO NOT PASS THIS BILL.**

Thank you,

Wayne S. H. Leong, DDS  
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Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Aloha Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Health -

I am a dentist and I oppose SB 2492. I recognize the legislature's intent to improve oral care in the state, but this bill doesn't accomplish that. There is a possibility, if this bill passes, for dentists who have not recently performed procedures on patients to obtain a license. Please oppose this bill.

Thank you,

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**IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 2492  
RELATING TO DENTISTRY**

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 9:00 am

Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice-Chair Jill N. Tokuda, and members of the Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Health -

Senate Bill 2492 is a bad precedent. By expanding qualifications, there is a possibility for dentists who have not recently performed procedures for patients to become licensed dentists. I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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**Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Health**

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Conference Room 229, State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Committee Members -

I am a dentist on Oahu and I **oppose SB 2492**.

Please oppose this bill.

Mahalo,

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