

# SB371

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE.

Report Title: Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene; Dentistry

Description: Changes the name of the Board of Dental Examiners to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene (Board). Beginning on 7/1/2018, changes the Board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. Allows neighbor island Board members to attend meetings via teleconference. Requires the Board to develop conflict of interest policies for Board member participation with dental examination companies and to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2018 Regular Session on the status of the policy.

Companion: [HB564](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s): BAKER, INOUE, NISHIHARA, S. Chang, Espero, Gabbard, Ihara

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

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

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2017

Friday, February 24, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 371, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF  
DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., Chairperson of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 371, which changes the name of the Board of Dental Examiners to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene; changes the Board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation; and ensures Oahu and Neighbor Island representation among dental hygienist members. The measure also allows Neighbor Island Board members to attend meetings via teleconference; requires the Board to develop conflict of interest policies for Board member participation with dental examination companies; and requires the Board to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2018 Regular Session on the status of the policy.

The Board supports the intent of this measure. However, it is opposed to changing its name to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. This is because the Board notes that the practice of dentistry is performed by a team consisting of a dentist,

dental hygienist, and auxiliary staff, working together to represent 8 specialties of dentistry and dental hygiene. Not all specialties are represented on the Board.

While the Board is in favor of increasing its current composition with the addition of a dental hygienist member, it believes that the addition of more members has no further advantages, such as greater patient protection and enhanced benefits to the consumer. Moreover, passage of this measure would burden the State and the consumers with additional costs to maintain a larger Board.

With regard to the requirement that at least one board member a practicing dentist having a background in public health dentistry, the Board is concerned this requirement may make it difficult to fill this position with a practicing dentist that meets the criteria and the board may lose an opportunity to accept applicants that are otherwise qualified but for this requirement. Also, it is unclear whether this board member would need to hold an advanced degree in dental public health or be a dentist practicing in a public health setting.

With regard to teleconference access for neighbor island members, the Board notes that this has been an option in the recent past; however, it is not something routinely used due to its limitations, accessibility and availability.

With regard to developing a conflict of interest policy, currently, the Board participates in the examination process of three regional testing agencies. This activity involves reviewing examinations, ensuring that examination items reflect current dental practices and assisting other regions in administering their examinations. In turn, the

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other regions assist Hawaii by sending their representatives to administer Hawaii's examination. As such, the Board believes that it has procedures in place to avoid possible conflicts of interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 371.



## Hawaii Dental Association

To: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health  
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., February 24, 2017  
Location: Capitol Conference Room 229  
Re: **SB 371, Relating to The Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the committee! My name is Dr. Chris Lee and I serve as the president of the Hawaii Dental Association, a professional association comprised of nearly 1,000 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 respectfully oppose SB 371 which changes the name of the Board of Dental Examiners to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene and changes the Board composition by increasing dental hygienist representation and ensuring Oahu and neighbor island representation among dental hygienist members. It allows neighbor island Board members to attend meetings via teleconference.

We recognize the legislature's intent to ensure the health and safety of Hawaii residents. This bill, however, would create a board that oversees dental hygienists in a manner which is inconsistent with the oversight/authority and responsibility of dentists. We believe that it does not advance the best interests of serving the overall oral health of Hawaii residents.

The Hawaii Dental Association is committed to improve oral health in Hawaii. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you on key policy initiatives to accomplish those goals. In addition, and consistent with our longstanding public positions, we believe that water fluoridation would make significant contributions to improving oral health in our state. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Chris Lee, D.D.S  
President, Hawaii Dental Association



Testimony in Support of SB 371, Relating to The Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS

Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association Regulations and Practice Chairperson 2016-2017

February 24, 2017

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

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) strongly to support **SB 371**. This bill will bring a long-standing, recommended change to the composition of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners as well as a logical change to its name. Currently there are 8 dentists, 2 hygienists and 2 public members on the Board of Dental Examiners. **SB 371** will increase the number of dental hygienists on the Board. Should the bill pass, the new ratio would be 8 dentists, 3 hygienists and 2 public members.

HDHA feels that the current over-representation of dentists and under-representation of dental hygienists creates an environment where the majority group can easily steamroll or negate the opinions of the minority members. We understand that the role of the Board is to ultimately serve the interests of the public, but the unique and valuable perspective of the dental hygienist is not adequately represented at the current ratio. Public Safety will be best served if a more balanced, democratic Board is created. A board where each member has true and equal voice.

It is also 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 more than just an "examining body", as is implied by the current name.

HDHA thanks you for your time and consideration of **SB 371**. 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 have adequate representation on the Board.

Thank you

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Date: February 24, 2017, 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 371  
Relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill. The Office of Information Practices (“OIP”) **takes no position on the substance of the bill**, which would make changes to the existing Board of Dental Examiners, **but is testifying to seek clarification of a provision allowing neighbor island board members to attend meetings via teleconference.**

The bill (at page 6, lines 3-4) would add to existing law, “Board members who are residents of neighbor islands may attend meetings of the board via teleconference.” Under the Sunshine Law, part I of chapter 92, HRS, **board members already can attend board meetings via teleconference or other forms of interactive technology by following the standards set out in section 92-3.5**, including listing all sites where board members will be attending as public meeting sites in the notice (except that disabled board members can attend from a private location). Thus, **it is not clear what purpose the proposed language is intended to accomplish** – is it simply an acknowledgment that board members can attend meetings via teleconference as currently permitted by section 92-3.5, or is it intended to suggest that for this particular board, members do

not need to follow the requirements of section 92-3.5 when attending meetings via teleconference?

**To avoid confusion, OIP recommends that the language be deleted. This will still allow neighbor island and other board members to attend meetings via teleconference as provided in section 92-3.5, HRS.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Sierra Spruce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB371. the name change better reflects who the Board represents and serves. I also support increasing the number of dental hygienists to 5- this serves to correct the disparity in representation on the Board. Having neighbor island hygienists represented is also very important. This Bill is long overdue. Sierra Spruce, RDH Past President, HDHA Ocean View, Hi

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Kevin Ching DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose SB371 because, the Board of Dental Examiners does an adequate job of regulating the practice of Dentistry without placing unnecessary and expensive changes to the character of the board. Dental Hygiene is an auxiliary profession of dentistry, and as such is already regulated by the Board of Dental Examiners, adding additional members will not improve the safety of patients, only increase costs. It really does not make sense to make the practice costs to be more expensive, when we should be making it more affordable for the patients. Please oppose this bill and work with dentists to control the costs of producing our service to the people of Hawaii.

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**Re: SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE**

**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: February 24, 2017

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Senate Conference Room 229

**Dear Honorable Senator Baker, Chair, Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:**

This testimony is in **support** of intent of **SB 371**, with improved language to more accurately define the Board that governs Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.

My name is Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH. I have been a practicing Dental Hygienist in good standing on the island of Hawaii since 1992. Living in Hilo, I have had the privilege to practice in both Kona and Hilo. In addition, I have taken an active role in leadership; volunteered in my community, island, and state; attended almost every Board of Dental Examiners meeting since 2007 (and many before that); and even applied twice for a position on the Board of Dental Examiners. Presently, I am serving my eighth year on the Regulated Industries Complaints Office's (RICO) Dental Advisory Committee. I have been a dental hygienist since 1979, am a former Anesthesia Examiner for Western Regional Examining Board, and a longstanding member of the American Association of Dental Boards.

Thank you for your attention to this situation.

While the original purpose of the Board was to act as a pool of dental examiners, currently, there is no Hawaii Dental or Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination. Instead, the ADEX national board or Regional exams are accepted for licensure. While the members of the Board may choose to act as examiners for the regional boards, and usually do, they are not required to do so. The Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners has therefore, become more regulatory in nature, since the elimination of the Hawaii Dental Licensing and Dental Hygiene Licensing Exams. So, it makes sense to change the name of the Board.

Changing the name from the "Board of Dental Examiners" to the "Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene" is appropriate, given the fact that this Board governs both professions, although, currently, in a most unbalanced way. (Unfortunately, professional Registered Dental Hygienists, in Hawaii, have long been controlled and governed by dentists, who also employ them, demonstrating a clear conflict of interest.) SB371 also addresses this problem by adding three more dental hygienists to the Board, two of which will be from neighbor islands. This will provide more fair representation of these licensed professionals on the Board. Dentists are the experts when it comes to dental restoration. However, increasing the number of Registered Dental Hygienists on the Board, who are known as the "experts in prevention", along with the requirement that at least one Dentist have a background in Public Health

Dentistry could have far reaching advantage in the interest of public health and safe access to dental care by providing a unique preventive perspective with a pulse on the dental health, wellness, and safety of our island communities.

Dental hygienists have demonstrated, through their testimonies over the years, a keen interest in opportunities to promote public health and safe access to care through formal standardized education, regulated testing of competency, and licensure. Dental hygienists, as educated, licensed professionals, are willing to serve and can be a great asset to the public. Despite their value, they have been a grossly underutilized resource. Thank you for recognizing them as the professionals they are.

Please support SB 371. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH

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Member, Regulated Industries Complaints Office's (RICO) Dental Advisory Committee

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Wayne Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lili Horton, DMD, MS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senate Chair Baker and Committee Members, I have been a practicing dentist in Hawaii since 1986 and respectfully oppose SB371 for the following reasons: 1) It is a fact that the primary duty of the Board of Dental Examiners (BDE) is to protect the public safety and ensure the competency of dentists seeking a Hawaii license. 2) The Board of Dental Examiners, nor any other licensing and regulating board, has no role in protecting or advancing the interests of any profession or trade being licensed. Proportionate representation should not be an issue. 3) Reducing the Board's expertise to the level of hygienists puts the public at greater risk especially on complex issues like sedation and dentist's licensing criteria. In fact, many states do not allow hygienists to even vote on matters outside of dental hygiene. 4) Hygienists cannot practice independently. They must practice under the direct supervision of a Hawaii licensed dentist who alone is held fully and completely responsible for the patient's care and well-being. 5) Dentists graduate from a four year college and a four year dental school. That is eight years of training. Hygiene programs vary in training lengths from 2 to 4 years, and are based on the premise that a dentist will be directly supervising the patient treatment. 6) No state in the country determines Board membership based on the number of licensees. Public safety, and the expertise required to maintain that safety, should always be the determining criteria for Board makeup. Thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to SB371.

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Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Having worked with various hygienists for 30 years and been associated with them for far longer, I have a deep respect for many if not most of them but see no need for them to have more oversight on the Board of Dental Examiners as their training does not come close to that which is expected of a dentist. Truthfully, I have experience with one who behaved as if she believes herself to be superior to any dentist and would have concerns should someone with similar attitudes become a member of the BODE.

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Gerraine Hignite	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A name change from Board of Dental Examiners to Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene is appropriately titled since the Board does not conduct dental exams anymore. The addition of 3 Hygienists to the Board (currently there are 8 Dentists, 2 Hygienists n 2 public members), will serve to balance the Board since there are approximately 1000 licensed Dentists and 1000 licensed Hygienists in the state of Hawaii. I am in SUPPORT of SB371...

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Ammon Boyd Koaikapono Whigham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Utilizing logic based on statistics, there are currently almost as many licensed hygienists in the state of Hawaii as there are licensed dentists. Currently there are 8 dentists 2 dental hygienists and 2 public representatives on the state dental board. Certainly it seems just that dental hygienists will have a more equal representation on the board to represent their profession. The role of the dental hygienist in my personal opinion is more important than that of a dentist. Oral hygiene is preventative care. Their job is to properly educate the public how to avoid oral diseases so that they do not need to be treated by a dentist. Hence a dental hygienist addresses the root of the problem before it starts by proper patient education. Imagine a world where hygienists fulfilled their duties in totality and eradicated the oral health problems that exist today.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Smith	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many states have their own board of dental hygienists',(self regualting) if we are to be regulated by the state dental board it is only proper that we are represented by increasing the number of RDH's that sit on the board and if those hygienists are from other Islands , tele/conferencing should be allowed and the name should be changed to represent what the group stands for. The Hawaii state board of dentists' are not the examiners and so that should be dropped.

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michele Tui	Individual	Support	No

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Mitchell Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chad Kawashima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dentists are licensed and trained across the whole spectrum of dentistry including dental hygiene, therefore are more qualified to be on the dental board. Dental hygienists, while what they do is very important, is just a part of dentistry and in my opinion should not be governing another field that has had more training and expertise than themselves. I feel their input may be biased only towards dental hygiene and not all of dentistry.

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Derek H. Ichimura, D.M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

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kimberly schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is long overdue and more fairly represents each profession

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Naomi hashimoto	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Soni North	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dental Hygienist should most definitely be included in the title. Dentists specialize in restorative; Hygienists specialize in prevention of needed restorative AND in some ways more importantly prevention of periodontal DISEASE. We also treat, cure, and educate patients about that disease and subsequently play a role in potentially saving people's lives by so greatly improving their systemic health. There is no question that the title "Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene" should be adopted.

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Jennifer R Pirie	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Mallery-Sayre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I speak in support of SB271. We need equal representation of the Board.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Atkin	Princeville Dental LLC	Oppose	No

Comments: As a licensed dentist in the state of hawaii for the past 9 years I oppose this alteration of the board of dental examiners. line 10 of the proposal states 10"The legislature finds that dental hygiene is one of the few 11 health professions that is generally controlled by another 12 profession" Since this is the premise for the justification of the measure to change the composition and name of the governing body for the dental professional, I will remind the state that it accurately reflects the current and historical way dentistry is performed. Hygienists are nearly universally employed by dentists. While an important part of the dental team, no hygienist owns a dental office or employs dentists. Similarly it would also stand to reason that in the medical profession, Nurses do not employ doctors or own hospitals or medical clinics. Trying to create some sort of numerical parity of dentists and hygienists on the board while seemingly fair on the surface, neglects the logical argument that hygienists do not own the principal businesses of the dental profession, nor have gone to the schooling required to have a doctorate in the practice of dental medicine. I will remind the legislature that dentists, upon licensure examination and as a prerequisite to graduate an accredited US dental school, are required to show proficiency in hygiene as part of the core curriculum. In other words, dentists are just as skilled in hygiene as hygienists, but admittedly after years of practice probably not as fast or gentle. Dentists in addition to being qualified in dental hygiene, also perform all the other duties I am sure all of you have come to dread, like root canals crowns and fillings as well as running a business including payroll for the hygienists. This is not to disparage the value of hygienists but to illustrate a point; dentists are hygienists, and a whole lot more, and to expect parity based on numerical assessment of licensed professionals of both skill sets would create an imbalance on the board of dental examiners.

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Dianna Sumnull	Individual	Support	No

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Brian S. Kubo, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Testimony IN OPPOSITION of SB 371, Relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Aloha Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and members of the committee,

My name is Chris Lee, and I am a pediatric dentist in Honolulu. I am writing **in opposition of SB 371** which reconfigures the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Please do not advance this measure.

Thank you,

Chris Lee, DDS



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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE

**Friday, February 24, 2017**

**9:30 AM**

**Hawaii State Capitol**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee -

My name is Dr. Dean Arashiro and I am a periodontist. I am writing to respectfully request that you defer SB 371, relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene.

SB 371 reconfigures the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Please do not pass this measure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dean Arashiro, DDS, MS, LTD

HEATHER HEARON, DMD

February 24, 2017

Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Clarence Nishihara, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Hawaii State Senate

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Nishihara, and committee members,

My name is Dr. Heather Hearon and I have been practicing dentistry at Hawaii Family Dental since 2013. I am writing this testimony **in opposition of SB 371, relating to the board of dentistry and dental hygiene.**

If passed, SB 371 would reconfigure the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Please do not advance this measure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Hearon

**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health**

Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Dear Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Errol Yim. I have been in practice as an orthodontist on both Oahu and Hawaii Island.

I am writing to you in regards to Senate Bill 371. Please defer Senate Bill 371, which would reconfigure the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Thank you for your consideration,

Errol Y.W. Yim, DDS, MS

## Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017  
Time: 9:30 A.M.  
Location: Hawaii State Capitol Room 229

### **RE: SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Wesley Choy. I am writing today **in opposition to SB 371** which changes the name of the Board of Dental Examiners to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene (Board).

If passed, SB 371 would reconfigure the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Respectfully,

Wesley Choy, DDS  
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**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health, Hawaii State Senate**

**SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE**

Date: February 24, 2017  
Time: 9:30 am  
Location: Hawaii State Capitol  
Conference Room 229

Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and members of the committee –

My name is Wayne Leong and I am writing to you in regards to Senate Bill 371. Please defer Senate Bill 371, which changes the name of the Board of Dental Examiners to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene (Board). This bill will reconfigure the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Thank you,

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## Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

February 24, 2017, 9:30am

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, and Committee Members -

My name is Shelliann Kawamoto and I am an orthodontist in Hawaii.

I am submitting testimony opposing SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE. SB 371 would reconfigure the board of dental examiners and add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Thank you for your time,

Shelliann Kawamoto, DDS, MS

| Scott L. Morita, D.D.S., M.S.

**Testimony for SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE**

**Position: OPPOSE**

Hearing: Friday, February 24, 2017 at 9:30 am

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

My name is Dr. Scott Morita and I am a practicing dentist in Honolulu. I am writing to respectfully oppose Senate Bill 371. Senate Bill 371 would reconfigure the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board. Please do not pass this bill.

With appreciation for your consideration,

Scott Morita, DDS, MS

# **Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health**

Friday, February 24, 2017, 9:30 AM  
Hawaii State Capitol Room 229

SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Michael Pampalon, and I am submitting this testimony in opposition of SB 371.

If passed, this bill would reconfigure the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Please oppose this measure.

Thank you for your time,  
Michael Pampalon, DMD



**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health**

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Location: State Capitol Room 229

**SB 371 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE**

Aloha Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Matthew Dodson. I am submitting this testimony to respectfully request that you defer SB 371 relating to the Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. This bill would reconfigure the board of dental examiners and would add oversight of dental hygienists in the same board.

Please do not pass SB 371.

Mahalo,

Matthew Dodson, DDS