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Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dentistry, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOYCE YAMADA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.
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**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Friday, April 12, 2019
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 705, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOYCE YAMADA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the confirmation of Joyce Yamada's appointment to the Board of Dentistry (Board) as a licensee member.

Ms. Yamada has extensive experience in the profession dating back to her start as a registered dental hygienist in California in 1981. A proud graduate of Baldwin High School, she returned to Maui in 1985, where she continued working as a dental hygienist and advocated for dental health by launching community initiatives. In addition, Ms. Yamada has contributed to the success of the profession through various roles at University of Hawaii Maui College since 2002, including serving as an instructor

and coordinator for the dental assisting program. She also briefly taught in China in 2016.

Ms. Yamada's experiences abroad, on the mainland, and the Valley Isle would bring a thoughtful perspective to the Board. She also has experience serving on several committees and boards, including being vice president of the Maui County Dental Hygienists' Association and president of the Hawaii State 4-H Foundation.

The Department believes that Ms. Yamada's interest in serving on the Board, commitment to actively participate in board meetings, and knowledge of and experience in the profession will enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Health Sciences Department

March 29, 2019.

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dentistry, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOYCE YAMADA, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Dear Sirs and Madames:

It is my distinct honor to write this letter of recommendation for Joyce Yamada for the appointment to Board of Dentistry as a dental hygiene member.

I have had the privilege of working with Mrs. Yamada while she served as Dental Assisting Program Coordinator at University of Hawai'i Maui College as her counterpart at Kapi'olani College. She provided so much guidance and support as KCC's Dental Assisting Program applied for accreditation through the ADA's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Mrs. Yamada's connection to patients and college colleagues and students is so inspiring and genuine. The resolve she shows when participating in students' successes is indisputable.

Mrs. Yamada's commitment to the dental profession always shines through the multitude of activities. An example of this is starting an outreach initiative to Maui's kupuna. It has been exciting to see other plans take shape under her visionary leadership. Her experience is multi-faceted. Not only is she a licensed dental hygienist, she led UH Maui College's Dental Assisting Program. She also has a vested interest and deep understanding of running a dental practice, as her husband has been practicing general dentistry in Maui for more than 30 years.

What is most admirable about Mrs. Yamada, is her integrity and solid character. She holds true to her word and does not compromise her values or sensibilities of what is right. Mrs. Yamada will take the time to listen to stakeholders and really learn about challenges, as well as stakeholder's ideas for solutions, while contributing her own innovative ideas. She is sincere and honest in all her professional relationships. When communicating with colleagues she is always calm, respectful and diplomatic.

I give my unwavering support to Mrs. Joyce Yamada in this application and am confident that she will be a huge asset to the Board of Dentistry and Hawai'i's community at-large.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sheila I. Kitamura'.

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Subject: Recommendation for Hawaii Board of dentistry Dental Hygiene representative.
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 5:25:02 PM

Aloha Senator Barker, and members of the Hawaii Board of Dentistry,

I am writing in regards to the recommendation of Joyce Yamada RDH to the Hawaii Board of Dentistry as dental hygiene representative. I have known Joyce for over 20 years. We both worked as clinical hygienists in Wailuku in 1990. She exemplifies a true dental hygiene professional. She is a diligent, intelligent individual. I also had an opportunity to be a lecturer at UHMC in which she served as my mentor. Her excellent leadership skills will be an asset to your board, and to our dental hygiene profession. In my opinion, no other individual would be better suited in representing dental hygienists on Hawaii Dental Board.

Thank you for considering Joyce Yamada for the position of the dental hygiene representative.

Joyce Bustillos -O'Hanlon, R.D.H.