

Testimony of the Board of Dentistry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 515, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ANDREW TSEU,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2023**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sandra Matsushima, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Dentistry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Andrew Tseu's appointment to the Board as a dentist member from Oahu.

Dr. Tseu has been licensed as a dentist in Hawaii since September 19, 1999, and his license is current, active, and in good standing. He has served on the Board on an interim basis since October 2019 and has attended all board meetings since his appointment.

Dr. Tseu diligently prepares for the matters on the Board's agenda to actively participate in meeting discussions. Further, by sharing insights he has gained over his many years of experience as a licensed dentist, he has made significant contributions to the Board's deliberations on various issues.

Dr. Tseu volunteers his time and energy by attending national conferences and is committed to keeping the Board informed with current trends in the practice of dentistry. In addition, Dr. Tseu serves as an examiner for dental licensure exams, which greatly assists with determining whether a person is qualified to practice dentistry.

The Board believes that Dr. Tseu's continued interest in serving the Board, active participation in board meetings, and experience in the profession will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



February 29, 2020

To whom it may concern:

It is a privilege to submit this testimony recommending Dr. Andrew Tseu to serve on the Hawaii Board of Dentistry. I have known and worked with Dr. Tseu for the past six years on the Hawaii Virtual Dental Home (teledentistry) Pilot Project. Dr. Tseu was instrumental in planning and implementing the Virtual Dental Home Pilot Project in Hawaii. This pilot project has improved access to dental care for children and the elderly, while demonstrating the sustainability of teledentistry practices in Hawaii. I found him to be a strong and resourceful leader on this project.

Dr. Tseu is an analytical and critical thinker who takes on a pro-active approach when meeting challenges. He is an active listener, effective communicator, and collaborates well with others to address issues with viable solutions.

His experiences as an oral health professional, comprehension of the Hawaii Dental Practice Act, and awareness of the oral health environment in Hawaii make him an excellent candidate to be a board member. I believe he will provide an essential public health perspective in addressing the dental matters encountered by the Board.

I strongly recommend Dr. Tseu being confirmed to serve on the Hawaii Board of Dentistry. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Glassman".

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February 28, 2020

RE: GM 515 – Confirmation Testimony for Dr. Andrew Tseu

Dear Senate President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

It is my privilege to recommend Dr. Andrew Tseu to serve on the Hawaii Board of Dentistry.

Dr. Tseu is currently the Department of Health's (DOH), Hospital and Community Dental Services Branch Chief. In that capacity, he has not only overseen five (5) dental clinics that provides dental care to the underserved, but also provided leadership in bringing innovative projects to the state on the behalf of Hawaii's most vulnerable populations.

Most notable among his accomplishments has been the development of the Hawaii Virtual Dental Home Pilot Project with community oral health partners. This pilot project has brought access to dental health services to children and others in ways that demonstrated the viability of tele-dentistry and new technologies.

Dr. Tseu has had experience in the private sector as well as a public health dentist. His public oral health experience will bring an essential perspective regarding public dental health to the Board. Dr. Tseu has also been an invaluable collaborative partner within the Hawaii Oral Health Coalition, and brings much expertise to the ongoing discussions around improving community oral health.

The Board will also benefit from his legal perspective related to the practice of dentistry in Hawaii. I believe Dr. Tseu will positively contribute to improving oral health for the State of Hawaii in serving on the Hawaii Board of Dentistry. I strongly recommend his appointment without reservation.

Sincerely,

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February 27, 2020

Dear Senate President Koucihi and Members of the Senate,

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Andrew Tseu to the Hawaii Board of Dentistry. I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Tseu for the past five years. As a new provider to public health, Dr. Tseu served as a mentor to me and an invaluable resource to our organization. Dr. Tseu was also instrumental in starting the Virtual Dental Home teledentistry program at Hui No Ke Ola Pono, and he continues to provide guidance to ensure its success and sustainability.

Dr. Tseu's dental and law credentials make him an extremely qualified candidate to be a Board member. Dr. Tseu is well-versed in Hawaii's laws surrounding the practice of dentistry. He is meticulous, ensuring that our public health programs are providing safe and efficient quality care to the underserved.

Dr. Tseu would be an excellent addition to the Board of Dentistry, especially with his experience in public health. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,



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