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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference

On the following measure:
**G.M. 549, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CRAIG YAMAMOTO,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2023**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Ando, and I am the Director for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs). The Department supports the confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Craig Yamamoto to the Board as a dentist member from Oahu.

Dr. Yamamoto has been serving as a Board member since his interim appointment on July 1, 2022. He has been licensed as a dentist since March 27, 1992 and his license is current, active and in good standing. Since Dr. Yamamoto's appointment, he has attended all meetings.

Dr. Yamamoto diligently prepares for the matters on the Board's agenda, and actively participates in meeting discussions. 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. In addition, Dr. Yamamoto serves as an Oral Surgery Board member, which greatly assists with determining whether a person is qualified to practice dentistry.

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The Department believes that Dr. Yamamoto's continued desire to serve on the Board and commitment to active participation in board meetings will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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April 13, 2023

Hawaii State Legislature
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Attn: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

RE: In support, GM 549 Gubernatorial Nominee Dr. Craig Yamamoto for the Board of Dentistry

Aloha Chair Keohokalole:

The Hawaii Dental Association fully supports Dr. Craig Yamamoto for the Board of Dentistry. He is a competent, highly respected Oral Surgeon practicing in Honolulu County. He has been a valuable asset to the Board of Dentistry bringing his expertise and knowledge in oral surgery and general dentistry.

Respectfully,

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April 8, 2023

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 205
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM549 Support for Craig Yamamoto to the Board of Dentistry

Dear Senator Keohokalole:

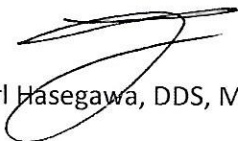
I am pleased to write a letter in support of Dr. Craig Yamamoto for a position on the Hawaii Dental Board. I have known Dr. Yamamoto for over 25 years and have had the opportunity to interact with him on many different levels. As an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, he has developed a reputation for excellent surgical skills and is a well-respected member of the professional community. The training and scope of an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon is comprehensive and includes anesthesia, medicine, trauma and facial reconstruction. It is very important for any dental board to include members who have a wide range of experiences and training in order to make the difficult decisions that ultimately affect protection of the public. With the constantly evolving nature of medicine and dentistry, dental boards are a key part of ensuring public safety.

When not engaged in treating patients, Dr. Yamamoto has also used his knowledge and experience to improve the community in various ways such as his involvement in Kokua Kalihi Valley Health Center. He has also donated his time to the Dental Samaritans of the Hawaii Dental Association and his services and skill through the Donated Dental Services. An important role related to the DCCA is his involvement as a RICO Dental Advisor. This role requires an individual to be knowledgeable, objective and equitable when dealing with complex issues involving rules and statutes.

Dr. Yamamoto has also been involved with the anesthesia inspection process with the then Board of Dental Examiners and the current Board of Dentistry. Anesthesia is a very important subject area that all dental boards must be well versed in. Understanding the changing standards at the national level is of utmost importance. Dr. Yamamoto will be able to keep the Hawaii Board of Dentistry up to date with the latest training recommendations and best practices standards.

I strongly support Dr. Craig Yamamoto's nomination to the Hawaii Board of Dentistry for his knowledge, leadership skills and dedication to not only his own patients but to other members of the community.

Sincerely:



Earl Hasegawa, DDS, MS

GM-549

Submitted on: 4/9/2023 8:16:16 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/13/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO