

## **Testimony of the Board of Dentistry**

**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. 615, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
BOARD OF DENTISTRY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOYCE YAMADA  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sheena Choy, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Dentistry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Joyce Yamada's reappointment to the Board as a dental hygiene member from Maui.

Ms. Yamada has served as a Board member since July 1, 2020. She has been licensed as a dental hygienist since October 14, 1981, and her license is current, active and in good standing. Since Ms. Yamada's appointment, she has attended all Board meetings.

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 her current roles as an instructor and coordinator for the dental assisting program. Ms. Yamada's experiences abroad, on the mainland, and on the Valley Isle bring a thoughtful perspective to the Board.

The Board believes that Ms. Yamada's continued interest in serving on the Board, commitment to active participation in board meetings, and knowledge of, and experience in the profession, will continue to enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
JOYCE BUSTILLOS-O'HANLON	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: Josh Green, Hawaii Legislation.

Testimony for Joyce Yamada for reappointment as Hawaii Dental Board member.

I would highly recommend Dr. Joyce Yamada for a reappointment as the Dental hygiene representative to the Hawaii Board of Dentistry. Joyce Yamada has held the position as the Dental Hygiene Board member for the last 4 years, and she would be honored to serve another term. I have had the pleasure of knowing Joyce Yamada since 1990, when we worked in the same family practice as dental hygienists.

Joyce has an excellent all encompassing perspective of dental hygiene, which is a great asset to the dental board. Joyce has worked as a clinical hygienist, and a clinical instructor, and oversees her families' dental practice. Joyce is also on the Board of Dental Examiners. She has spent her life dedicated to the dental profession.

Joyce is the most qualified, conscientious person to continue to represent the views of Hawaii's hygiene professionals. Most importantly, I know she will protect both public interest and safety. Her ability to make unbiased decisions makes her an ideal board member.

Please let her continue representing the dental hygiene community on the Hawaii State Board.

Aloha,

Joyce A BUSTILLOS-O'HANLON

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

NO