

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

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Monday, March 25, 2024  
9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 644, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CRAIG YAMAMOTO,  
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 of the Board of Dentistry (Board). The Board supports Dr. Yamamoto's re-appointment to the Board as a dentist member from O'ahu.

Dr. Yamamoto has been licensed as a dentist since March 27, 1992, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. Since his appointment, he has attended all scheduled meetings.

Dr. Yamamoto comes well-prepared for all meetings and actively contributes to Board discussion. Additionally, as an oral surgery board member, Dr. Yamamoto serves on the Board's anesthesia permitted interaction group, which coordinates critical facility inspections for the dentist anesthesia permit additional privilege. His expertise as an oral surgery board member and ongoing participation in the anesthesia permitted interaction group are valuable assets in helping protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

The Board believes that Dr. Yamamoto's extensive professional experience, proven dedication to serving the community, and committed participation in Board discussion will continue to add to the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**GM-644**

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Comments:

I have worked with Dr Yamamoto and found him extremely intelligent, honest and insightful.

Dr Yamamoto has the ability to analyze the situations and make decisions quickly.

I am positive Dr Yamamoto will a great asset as a Board of Dentistry member.

Thank you,

Michael Watanabe