

Testimony of the Board of Dentistry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Friday, March 21, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 657, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOY SHIMABUKU,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

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 the confirmation of Joy Shimabuku's reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Since Ms. Shimabuku's initial appointment, there have been 17 meetings of which she has attended all 17.

Ms. Shimabuku comes well-prepared to board meetings and is an active participant. She most recently served as a member on the Board's permitted interaction group to propose revisions to the Board's administrative rules. Ms. Shimabuku provides an important "layperson" perspective as a public member, and additionally brings cross-industry perspective from her experiences serving with the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology and the Board of Optometry.

The Board believes that Ms. Shimabuku's proven commitment to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community and active participation in board meetings will continue to be an asset to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 16, 2025

Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
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Subject: Strong Support for the Reappointment of Joy Shimabuku as a Public Member of the Hawai'i Board of Dentistry

Dear Members of the Hawai'i State Legislature,

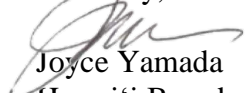
I am writing to express my strong support for the reappointment of Joy Shimabuku as a public member of the Hawai'i Board of Dentistry. As the Maui Dental Hygienist representative serving on the Board of Dentistry, I have had the privilege of serving alongside Joy and have consistently found her to be a thoughtful, diligent, and committed advocate for the public.

Joy brings a wealth of experience in public service. She has previously served as a board member for the Barbering and Cosmetology Licensee Board, as well as an active member of the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) advisory committee. Additionally, she has served as a public member of the Board of Optometry, further demonstrating her commitment to consumer protection and professional regulation. Her extensive service, including volunteering under six governors, is a testament to her deep dedication to public service and ethical governance.

Her ability to assess matters critically, coupled with her fair and objective approach, makes her an invaluable asset to the Hawai'i Board of Dentistry. Her continued presence will ensure that public interests remain a priority, fostering accountability and excellence in dental care across the state.

I respectfully urge the Hawai'i State Legislature to support Joy Shimabuku's reappointment, as her expertise, dedication, and integrity continue to greatly benefit the people of Hawai'i. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Joyce Yamada
Hawai'i Board of Dentistry – Maui DH Representative

GM-657

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Testimony for CPN on 3/21/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Neil Furuya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I highly recommend Joy Shimabuku to the dental board. Her previous contributions to the board have been significant. She has been an excellent representative of the public's interest. Her track record speaks for itself and she has garnished the respect of the other present and past board members. Please confirm her to the board. Sincerley, Neil Furuya

March 19, 2025

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To: The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

RE: GM657 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dentistry,
Gubernatorial Nominee, JOY SHIMABUKU, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

Hearing: Friday, March 21, 2025
9:30AM, Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Senate Committee on
Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am testifying in strong support of the nomination of Joy Shimabuku to the Board of Dentistry.

I have known Joy Shimabuku for over 30 years on both a personal and professional level. She is a well respected small business owner and community volunteer. Though as a sole proprietor she is very busy, she has always made time to volunteer. She will go out of her way to support others, she is honest, and she will attend meetings and arrive fully prepared. She is an excellent example of our vital citizen volunteers. I ask your support for her to serve another four years as the public member of the Board of Dentistry.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of GM657 nominating Joy Shimabuku to the Board of Dentistry.

Heather Bolan, private citizen