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**Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

**Before the**  
**House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce**  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room 329 & Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:**  
**S.B. 1373, S.D.2, RELATING TO RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE**  
**ACTIONS AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS.**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nadine Ando, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports this administration bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

The impetus for this administrative bill was the discovery that Hawaii, unlike the State of California, does not have a law that allows the Department's professional and vocational licensing boards, commissions and programs (Boards) to act more swiftly to safeguard clients and customers when a convicted licensee is required to register as a sex offender. This measure changes that.

First, section “a” calls for the immediate revocation of a license, and denial of an application, when a person is convicted of an offense warranting registry, or, is required to be registered as a sex offender.

Second, section “b” and “c” of the measure affords due process by allowing the registrant an opportunity to immediately appeal the Board’s action to revoke or deny licensure.

Third, the measure is narrowly construed to apply only to those regulated professions and vocations that have close, physical contact with customers and clients in a private or semi-private setting such as healthcare practitioners; and where counseling and advising in a private or semi-private setting occurs; and where a licensee may obtain or have access to private or sensitive information from or about a customer or client.

We ask that the bill be passed out of committee so that the Department and its Boards can better protect consumers through swifter action against individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes mandating that they be registered as sex offenders, and, for those who are required to register as such.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Psychology**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D. 2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Psychology (Board). The Board supports this measure and offers the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

Current laws do not facilitate the timely revocation of a license and denial of a renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license for certain professions when the licensee becomes or is found to be a registered sex offender. This bill allows for the automatic revocation of a license or denial of an application to renew, reinstate, or restore a license for certain professions when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**Testimony of the Board of Physical Therapy**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D. 2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rochelle Araki, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Physical Therapy (Board). The Board supports section 23 of this bill and takes no positions on other sections of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

Current laws do not facilitate the timely revocation of a license and denial of a renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license for certain professions when the licensee becomes or is found to be a registered sex offender. This bill allows for the automatic revocation of a license or denial of an application to renew, reinstate, or restore a license for certain professions when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and we respectfully ask the Committee to pass this bill.

**Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Naturopathic medicine**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, H.D. 2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board). The Board will review this bill at its meeting rescheduled to March 14, 2025 and in the meantime, offers the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

Current laws do not facilitate the timely revocation of a license and denial of a renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license for certain professions when the licensee becomes or is found to be a registered sex offender. This bill allows for the automatic revocation of a license or denial of an application to renew, reinstate, or restore a license for certain professions when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D. 2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rochelle Araki, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic (Board). The Board supports section 5 of this bill and takes no positions on other sections of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

Current laws do not facilitate the timely revocation of a license and denial of a renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license for certain professions when the licensee becomes or is found to be a registered sex offender. This bill allows for the automatic revocation of a license or denial of an application to renew, reinstate, or restore a license for certain professions when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and we respectfully ask the Committee to pass this administration bill.

**Testimony of the Board of Dentistry**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B.1373, S.D. 2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi 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 sections 6 and 7 of this bill and takes no positions on the other sections of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

The professional relationship between licensed dentists and dental hygienists with patients is built on trust, with the provider holding a position of power due to their expertise, authority, and ability to make decisions that impact a patient's health. The imbalance of power makes trust essential, as patients rely on health professionals to act in their best interests. In the health care setting, there are one-on-one interactions between the dentist or dental hygienist and patients, increasing the need to safeguard against misconduct; pediatric patients are particularly vulnerable. The amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 447 in section 6 and HRS chapter 448 in section 7 of this bill will facilitate a more expeditious removal of registered sex offenders from practice than current laws allow.

The Board appreciates the intent of this bill to enhance protections safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

**Testimony of the Board of Massage Therapy**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 P.M.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B.1373, S.D. 2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Sheena Choy, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Massage Therapy (Board). The Board supports section 11 of this bill and takes no positions on other sections of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

The professional relationship between licensed massage therapists and patients is built on trust, with the therapist holding a position of power due to their expertise, authority, and ability to make decisions that impact a patient's health. The practice of massage therapy necessarily involves physical contact with clients, often in a private one-on-one setting, where proper draping ensures that clients' privacy is respected if they are not fully clothed. Given these factors, it is vital that clients can trust massage therapists to provide safe touch in a secure setting. The amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 452 in section 11 of this bill will facilitate a more expeditious removal of registered sex offenders from practice than current laws allow, providing greater protection to an already vulnerable client population.

The Board appreciates the intent of the bill to maintain the integrity of the massage therapy profession, and safeguard against inappropriate conduct that jeopardizes the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



**Testimony of the Board of Nursing**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D.2 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS AGAINST  
SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alexander Pang, and I am an Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing (Board). The Board supports section 15 of this bill and takes no position on other sections of this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

The proposed amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 457 will facilitate the swift revocation of nurse licensure for registered sex offenders. The Board appreciates the enhanced public protection that this bill provides.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

**Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D. 2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Christopher Fernandez, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology (Board). The Board supports this measure.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

Current laws do not facilitate the timely revocation of a license and denial of a renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license for certain professions when the licensee becomes or is found to be a registered sex offender. This bill allows for the automatic revocation of a license or denial of an application to renew, reinstate, or restore a license for certain professions when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**Testimony of the Hawaii Board of Optometry**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D.2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of Hawaii Board of Optometry (Board). The Board supports section 21 of this bill and takes no positions on other sections of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

Current laws do not facilitate the timely revocation of a license and denial of a renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license for certain professions when the licensee becomes or is found to be a registered sex offender. This bill allows for the automatic revocation of a license or denial of an application to renew, reinstate, or restore a license for certain professions when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and we respectfully ask the Committee to pass this administration bill.

**Testimony of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D.2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board). The Board supports section 4 of this bill and takes no positions on other sections of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

Current laws do not facilitate the timely revocation of a license and denial of a renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license for certain professions when the licensee becomes or is found to be a registered sex offender. This bill allows for the automatic revocation of a license or denial of an application to renew, reinstate, or restore a license for certain professions when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and we respectfully ask the Committee to pass this administration bill.

**Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D. 2., RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Chelsea Fukunaga, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board supports sections 12 and 24 of this bill and takes no positions on other sections of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

The amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 453 section 12 and HRS chapter 463E section 24 of the bill will provide enhanced protections for the public by facilitating the timely revocation of licenses for individuals found to be a registered sex offender. Further, the provisions which enable the Board to automatically deny the renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of licenses for individuals found to be a registered sex offender will allow for a more expeditious removal of these individuals from practice than current laws allow.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



March 11, 2025

**Position: Support of SB1373 SD2**

**To:** Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Chair  
Representative Cory M. Chun, Vice Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

**From:** Llasmin Chaîne, LSW, Executive Director, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

**Re:** Testimony in **Support of SB1373 SD2**, Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

Hearing: Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

On behalf of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, I would like to thank the committee for hearing this important bill. I would like to express my support of SB1373 SD2, Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders, which would authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

**Organizations and consumers need better mechanisms to ensure service providers are safe and to create protective environments.** Given the detrimental effects of sexual violence upon well-being<sup>1</sup>, consumers need to know if licensed service providers can be trusted to conduct themselves appropriately with the clients in their care<sup>2</sup>. **We need this change to ensure offenders with a history of sexually inappropriate behavior aren't put into subsequent positions of power, capitalizing on vulnerable clients/patients, while delivering care in semi-private or private settings, enabled to abuse again**<sup>3</sup>.

I respectfully urge this Committee to pass **SB1373 SD2 in support of improvements to consumer protections and to support protective environments**<sup>4</sup> in which clients/patients can thrive<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> About Sexual Violence. CDC – Sexual Violence Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/sexual-violence/about/index.html>

<sup>2</sup> Child Sexual Abuse By K-12 School Personnel in Canada – Executive Summary. Canadian Centre for Child Protection. [https://content.c3p.ca/pdfs/C3P\\_CSAinSchoolsReport\\_en.pdf](https://content.c3p.ca/pdfs/C3P_CSAinSchoolsReport_en.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> What Parents Need to Know – Grooming in Sport. U.S. Center for SafeSport. [https://uscenterforsafesport.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021\\_HPCourse\\_Grooming\\_v7.pdf](https://uscenterforsafesport.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021_HPCourse_Grooming_v7.pdf)

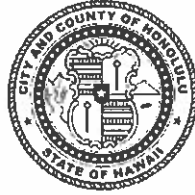
<sup>4</sup> Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect. CDC – Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/child-abuse-neglect/prevention/index.html>

<sup>5</sup> Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences. CDC – Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). <https://www.cdc.gov/aces/prevention/index.html>

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March 12, 2025

The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Consumer Protection  
and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 329  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Matayoshi and Members:

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 1373, S.D. 2, Relating to Administrative Licensure  
Actions Against Sex Offenders**

I am Carlene Lau, Major of the Records and Identification Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 1373, S.D. 2, Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders. This bill allows the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) and certain licensing boards the ability to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional license for certain professions when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

Current laws do not facilitate the timely revocation or denial of a renewal, restoration, or reinstatement of a license for certain professions (e.g., masseuse, acupuncturist, athletic trainer, barber, cosmetologist, and therapist) when the licensee is a registered sex offender.

This addition to the statute would allow the DCCA and certain licensing boards the ability to take a more expeditious approach against registered sex offenders who are in certain professions that involve close physical contact with consumers and require a professional license to operate.

Due to the nature of these professions, which involve close physical contact, any delayed action in revoking a license and preventing further practice by a registered sex offender places consumers in unnecessary risk.

The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Chair  
and Members  
March 12, 2025  
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The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 1373, S.D. 2, Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carlene Lau', written in a cursive style.

Carlene Lau, Major  
Records and Identification Division

APPROVED:

  
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Arthur J. Logan  
Chief of Police





March 11, 2025

The Honorable Senator Kapela and members of the committee:

We offer testimony in support of SB 1373 (Senator Kouchi), which would prevent registered sex offenders from holding professional medical licenses. All patients, and especially survivors of sexual assault, deserve to know that their healthcare provider has not been convicted of a sex crime. We urge you to support this legislation.

As you may be aware, RAINN is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. Founded in 1994, RAINN created and operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800.656.HOPE and [hotline.rainn.org](https://hotline.rainn.org)). RAINN also carries out programs to support victims, educate the public, and improve public policy.

Crimes of sexual violence are already severely underreported, and reports of physician-perpetrated sexual assaults are even more rare, with less than 1-in-10 victims filing a complaint.<sup>1</sup> Physician-perpetrated sex abuse is a crime based on trust where the doctor is often alone with the patient (85.1% of the time), and the abuse occurs repeatedly (96% of the cases).<sup>2</sup> One study reported that approximately 10% of medical professionals had sexual contact with at least one patient.<sup>3</sup> Because of the power dynamic at play in the medical environment, patients cannot give consent to sexual conduct.

Survivors rely on a relationship of trust and transparency with their medical providers. Someone convicted and required to register as a sex offender should not be allowed in a position of intimate trust. Without the authorization to automatically revoke or deny renewal of licenses, registered sex offenders may continue to see patients and put them at risk. SB 1373 creates this authorization, allowing for the automatic revocation and denial of a license for licensed medical professionals when the licensee is a registered sex offender. We particularly commend the legislation for ensuring that no license renewal will occur if the offense involved a patient or client. Such a commonsense measure would improve transparency in the medical profession and protect patients from perpetrators of sexual misconduct and abuse.

We urge you to support this bill. Thank you for your continued leadership and for supporting victims of sexual violence in New York. Respectfully submitted,

Mollie Montague

Director of State Legislative Affairs

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<sup>1</sup> James Dubois, et al. "Sexual Violation of Patients by Physicians: A Mixed-Methods, Exploratory Analysis of 101 Cases." *Sexual Abuse*. Vol. 31(5). 2019. P. 503-523. Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/107906321772217>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Gartrell NK, Milliken N, Goodson WH 3rd, Thiemann S, Lo B. Physician-patient sexual contact: Prevalence and problems. *West J Med*. 1992 Aug;157(2):139-43. PMID: 1441462; PMCID: PMC1011231 ; Marisalva Fávoro, et al. "Sexual Violence Perpetrated by Health Professionals." *Frontiers in Psychology*, vol. 13, 3 Apr. 2023, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.1005696>.

**Testimony of the Board of Acupuncture**

**Before the  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 329 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 1373, S.D. 2, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS  
AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS**

Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Chelsea Fukunaga, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Acupuncture (Board). The Board offers comments on section 2 of this bill and takes no positions on other sections of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

The amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) chapter 436E will enable the Board to automatically deny, renew, restore, or reinstate the of licenses for individuals found to be a registered sex offender and will provide enhanced protections for the public. Further, the bill will also facilitate the timely revocation of licenses for individuals found to be a registered sex offender; removing these individuals from practice more expeditiously than current laws allow.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



## Hawaii Dental Association

Committee: House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee

Time/Date: 2:00 pm, March 12, 2025

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 329 and via Videoconference

Re: SB 1373 SD2, Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

Aloha Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Chun, and members of the committee,

The Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) is a professional association comprised of approximately 950-member dentists. **We are in support of SB 1373 SD2**, relating to the administrative licensure actions against sex offenders. This bill authorizes the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses—including professional licenses for dentists and dental hygienists—of registered sex offenders.

Dental providers are obligated to ensure the health and safety of their patients while upholding high standards of trust, professionalism, and accountability. Accordingly, it is essential to have clear safeguards that prevent individuals with serious offenses from continuing to practice. SB1373 SD2 is a step in the right direction, allowing for the prompt revocation and denial of license renewals, restorations, or reinstatements for registered sex offenders. It strengthens patient safety and reinforces trust in the dental profession.

HDA is a statewide membership organization representing dentists practicing in Hawaii and licensed by the State of Hawaii's Board of Dentistry. HDA members are committed to protecting the oral health and well-being of the people of Hawaii, from keiki to kupuna and everyone in between.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1373 SD2.

**SB-1373-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/11/2025 1:38:19 PM

Testimony for CPC on 3/12/2025 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deborah McMenemy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is so important to the many professions here in Hawaii! The public needs to be able to count on our laws to protect them from convicted sexual offenders, and this bill goes a long way to doing that.