

GM568

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, COY REBMANN, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Dental Examiners

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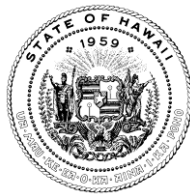
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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session of 2015

Friday, April 17, 2015

8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 568**, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO **THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **COY REBMANN**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2019.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 568, nominating Mr. Coy Rebmann for membership on the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

In addition to being a licensed dentist in good standing and a small business owner on Kauai since the 1990s, Mr. Rebmann has previously held state- and county-level leadership positions within dental industry organizations. The Department

believes that Mr. Rebmann will make a good addition to the Board because he has dedicated himself to progressing his career, the industry in which he works, and the Kauai community in which he lives. Further evidence of this commitment is Mr. Rebmann's expressed desire to serve on the Board to "do his part" to support his community and his chosen profession by promoting an effective licensing program.

Mr. Rebmann is also aware of and accepts the various responsibilities that Board service entails. He has expressed his willingness to fully apprise himself of the issues that come before the Board, and to make every effort to support the Board in conducting its business by being present at meetings and participating in a worthwhile fashion.

The Department, therefore, strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Rebmann to the Board, and thanks this Committee for the opportunity to offer these comments.

From: [John Black](#)
To: [CPN Testimony](#)
Subject: Dr. Coy Rebmann, DDS GM568
Date: Thursday, April 09, 2015 6:37:52 PM

To whom it may concern,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I am writing a letter of recommendation for Dr. Coy Rebmann, DDS in support of

his appointment to the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners. I have practiced dentistry on Kauai for over 40 years.

In over 15 years of my friendship with Dr. Rebmann he has proven to be an extraordinary dentist, (a dentist's dentist).

His skills and knowledge are exemplary and the finest that our profession of dentistry has to offer.

He is truthful and consistently reliable. Dr. Rebmann is known in our community as a very fair person. I cannot think than

of a better dentist to represent Kauai than Dr. Rebmann.

Thank you in advance for your excellent selection of Dr. Coy Rebmann, DDS as member to the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Black Jr., DDS

April 8, 2015

Dear Senate Legislative Committee Members;

It is my pleasure to introduce to you as well as recommend for appointment to my position on the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners, Dr. Coy Redmann DDS.

I have known Coy to be an active contributing member of the Kauai dental community since 1995 when he began practicing here as an associate Dentist with the Kalaheo Dental Group in 1995. It was with great pleasure that I watched him branch out and establish his own dental practice in 1999. Since that time he has successfully grown and maintained that practice until today remaining a well respected member of our dental community.

For the past two years as I knew my term was ending, I have shared with him the responsibility of the State Dental Boards place and function in the community. I am confident he has a broad knowledge of the dental field and all issues facing our dental community and because of this; he will represent the Kauai Community properly.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Baird DDS

President Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners

April 6, 2015

Hawaii State Legislature
CPN Testimony
Nomination # GM568

RE: Coy Rebmann DDS

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dr. Stanwood Kanna and I am a general practice dentist on the island of Kauai. I had the distinct honor and pleasure to serve for two consecutive terms on the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners from 1999 to 2007, serving as its chairman for five years. I have continued to be active in consumer protection as one of the initial developers of the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) national dental and dental hygiene licensure examination and currently preside as its president.

I have known Dr. Coy Rebmann since he started practicing dentistry on the island of Kauai and have watched him grow as an excellent health professional, businessman and public servant. He is active in both the local dental society and State Dental Association (HDA) having served as Kauai County Dental Society President and as a trustee of the Hawaii Dental Association. His experience as a member of the HMSA dental advisory board broadened his knowledge and working relationship with public and private entities. Having no family on Kauai, Dr. Rebmann had to build his practice by building a reputation as a very trustworthy and competent dentist who's practice blended well with the diverse cultural and ethnic populations of our Kauai community. From canoe paddling to helping in community events to participating in dental health and public health awareness on Kauai, Dr. Rebmann always presented himself as a good listener as well as a good leader.

I believe that Dr. Rebmann not only has the intelligence and demeanor to fulfill the necessary fiduciary responsibilities of the Board of Dental Examiners but also the integrity, fortitude and understanding to be able to work with other members of the board as they face the ever changing realm of medicine and dentistry. The responsibility of being a member of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners should never be taken lightly as it is your duty to protect the public, as witnessed most recently with some very unfortunate incidents of negligence in dentistry in Hawaii that resulted in the worse of possible scenarios.

It is in my humble opinion that Dr. Coy Rebmann be confirmed as the next representative from the island of Kauai to sit on the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Rebmann would replace Dr. Mark Baird who did an outstanding job and who also has served two consecutive terms on the Board and served as its Board Chair. Dr. Rebmann's leadership and ability to work with others will be an asset to the board and to the administration as it moves forward in developing ever- evolving regulations to insure the competency of Hawaii's dentists and dental hygienists and continued protection of our public.

Sincerely Yours,

Stanwood H. Kanna DDS

1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I feel participating on the Board would provide a gratifying opportunity to represent and serve my community, state, and profession.

2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

I perceive the roles of a Board member would encompass protecting the well-being of the consumer, our patients.

This would be done through discussing and evaluating past, current, and proposed policies and requirements governing the practice of dentistry in our state.

This also involves working to have these policies and requirements continuously upheld by both the existing state licensed dental practitioners and those who wish to be licensed in Hawaii.

3) In what ways do you feel you can help protect the consumer?

I feel I can help protect the consumer by keeping their best interests in mind while supporting current policies and assessing proposed policies.

I have been a practicing dentist for 21 years and have been fortunate enough to practice in many different settings and environments. Through these experiences, I feel I am very understanding of the needs of the dental consumer.

4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please provide a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

Growing up in a military family, completing schooling on the mainland and practicing dentistry in Hawaii for over twenty years has given me exposure to a variety of people and communities. These experiences have contributed to my growth as a person and dentist.

I completed both my undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Southern California, attaining my dental degree in 1993. Following dental school I continued my studies in a residency program at the University of California at San Francisco and received a certificate in an Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program. After 4 years as an associate dentist, I opened my own practice on the island of Kauai in 1999. Myself, along with a great team, have been practicing general dentistry for families in Lihue for the past

15 years. I have volunteered and served for dental organizations in the past including the Kauai County Dental Society and the HDA.

My experiences as a student and as a practicing dentist along with the passion and pride I have in my profession and community would aid me as a member on the Board.

5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I have great respect for the 2 most recent Kauai Board members. It would be an accomplishment to perpetuate their high level of dedication and service. Providing any knowledge and experience I have to help the Board better serve the consumer would be my goal to accomplish.

6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Empathetic- relating to the thoughts and feelings of others will help me make better decisions.

Responsible- I understand that the Board has an agenda and goal. As a member I would do my best to fulfill my duties for the success of the team.

Conscientious- there will likely be many decisions that will need to be made, using an inner sense of what is right will help make the right decisions.

7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

My experience as a resident at the University of California at San Francisco was invaluable. I was fortunate to learn from and work with other dentists from across the world including dental researchers, dental students, dental educators and professors. Many facets of dentistry were covered in a variety of settings. We gained experience in hospital dentistry, community clinic dentistry, and mobile dentistry- reaching out to those who were not ambulatory. This 18 month experience exposed me to many types of dental care serving persons representing a many demographics. This experience, I feel, would benefit my service to the Board.

8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest at this time.