

GM 624

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARIANNE TIMMERMAN, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE
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FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014
9:00 A.M.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 624

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 624, regarding the appointment of Marianne Timmerman to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). My name is Keali'i Lopez, Director of the Department. The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Timmerman's appointment to the Board as a dental hygienist member for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

Ms. Timmerman has maintained a dental hygienist's license since August 28, 1991. Her license is current, valid, and in good standing.

Ms. Timmerman understands the role and various responsibilities of the Board including the review and examination of new licensees, receiving and investigating

complaints, and interpreting and enforcing the applicable statutory laws and administrative rules. Ms. Timmerman brings experience to the Board having served as an officer and member of the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association and on the board of a private school.

Ms. Timmerman understands that the appointment to the Board comes with the responsibility to attend and participate. Ms. Timmerman is committed and able to attend the Board's scheduled meetings. Ms. Timmerman feels that as a personal matter serving on the Board is important, and will help to provide active and engaged representation of the licensed dental hygienists within the State.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the appointment of Ms. Timmerman to the Board of Dental Examiners.

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Testimony regarding **GM624** - Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Dental Examiners, **MARIANNE TIMMERMAN**

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Date of Hearing: Friday, APRIL 11 at 9:00 AM

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Dear Senators Baker and Taniguchi,

I wholeheartedly **support** Marianne Timmerman, RDH, BS, for appointment to the Board of Dental Examiners. Marianne has demonstrated leadership abilities in the dental hygiene profession as a Past President of the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association. She is committed to doing what's right for the oral health of the public, as demonstrated by her volunteerism and work ethic. Thank you for adding her to the Board of Dental Examiners as a dental hygiene member.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Marianne Timmerman regarding her desire to apply to the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. I met Marianne in 1995 when I lived in Hawaii for 4 years, and we have been best friends ever since.

Marianne has always held her position of a dental hygienist with the highest regard, and she eagerly attends conventions and classes to further her dental knowledge and skills. Her pleasant and positive attitude is just one of her fine qualities. Marianne is a dedicated and caring person with extremely high moral values. I have never known her to be unethical, judgmental or a quitter.

With her relentless motivation, skills and knowledge in the dental field, I have no doubt that Marianne makes a golden candidate to serve on the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or any of the phone numbers should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Ginny Wakefield

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(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Dental Examiners?

It is important that the profession of Hawaii Dental Hygienists are well represented. There are two positions on the Board of Dental Examiners available and one position was vacant for awhile. It was time for me to step up to the plate to find out if I was a desirable candidate.

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

- The role of the dental hygienist position on the BODE is to be an attentive presence at the meetings. Think objectively, have an open mind and to be brave enough to express honest opinions even if it is not the majority.
- Participate as a grader CRDTS. I have had approval since July, 2012.
- To be knowledgeable about the dental and dental hygiene statutes. Understand the process of how a statute can be changed.
- Make informed decisions on disciplinary cases.
- Know that I am responsible for the publics' dental safety.

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

I have an understanding of dentistry. I was a dental assistant for 12 years and a dental hygienist for over 20 years. I have been a board member on previous boards. I have supported dental related bills to improve Hawaii's dental health. I value continuing education. When CRDT is ready for me to be a grader, I will be available.

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

If possible, be a part of expanding dental services to the underserved. Hygienists are capable of community service prevention projects. My term, however, may be consumed by the recent dental situations in the media's attention.

What are the qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

- Listening to gather information and then sorting this information to make an honest comment or opinion is what I try to do in my personal and professional life.
- I am not afraid to ask a question or ask for more information if I do not understand.
- I tend to look on the bright side.

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

There are many previous experiences that have helped prepare me. The single previous experience was the year I was president for Hawaii Dental Hygienists Association. I feel I have experience with how a meeting is run using Robert's Rules. I will be a serious Board member.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

Currently, I do not think there are any conflicts of interest. If one arises, I will let the BODE know immediately.