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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3261

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Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 3261 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL SPECIALISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable dental specialists, who received their licensure and credentials in another state, to receive a license to practice their dental specialty in Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by nineteen individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Dental Association, one member of the Board of Dental Examiners, and thirteen individuals. Comments were submitted by the Board of Dental Examiners.

Based on oral testimony presented by the Hawaii Dental Association, fifty-one dental specialists were admitted into practice in this State under Act 121, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, through licensure by credentials. Your Committee notes that this process is no longer available for dental specialists. Your Committee finds that there is still a persistent need for dental specialists in Hawaii, and that licensure by credentials is recognized in forty-five other states.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding prosthodontics to the list of dental specialties because this specialty is recognized by the American Dental Association;
- (2) Increasing the practical experience requirement from three years to five years within the seven years preceding the date of application; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to ensure further discussions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3261, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3261, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,

RON MENOR. Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing (Bills and Resolutions)

	Committee Referral: Date: 3-2-06					
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is to:						
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