

SB114

Measure Title: RELATING TO DENTISTRY.
 Report Title: Dentistry; Continuing Education; Ethics
 Description: Requires the continuing education program for dentists to include three hours of ethics training per year.
 Companion:
 Package: None
 Current Referral: HTH, CPN
 Introducer(s): GREEN, BAKER, English, Espero, Gabbard, Galuteria, Ihara, Keith-Agaran, Kidani, Nishihara, Riviere, L. Thielen

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/22/2015	S	Introduced.
1/22/2015	S	Passed First Reading.
1/22/2015	S	Referred to HTH/CPN, JDL.
1/28/2015	S	Re-Referred to HTH, CPN.
2/3/2015	S	The committee(s) on HTH has scheduled a public hearing on 02-06-15 2:30PM in conference room 414.
2/6/2015	S	The committee(s) on HTH deferred the measure until 02-10-15 9:00AM in conference room 229.
2/10/2015	S	The committee(s) on HTH recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in HTH were as follows: 6 Aye(s): Senator(s) Green, Wakai, Baker, Gabbard, Riviere, Ruderman; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Slom.
2/18/2015	S	Reported from HTH (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 211) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading and referral to CPN.
2/18/2015	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading and referred to CPN.
2/20/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN will hold a public decision making on 02-25-15 9:45AM in conference room 229.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, February 25, 2015
9:45 a.m.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 114, RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

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

My name is Mark Baird, D.D.S., Chair of the Board of Dental Examiners (“Board”). The Board appreciates the opportunity to submit written comments on Senate Bill No. 114, Relating to Dentistry.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 114 is to require dentists to complete three hours of ethics training for their initial licenses, including community service licenses, and for license renewals.

The Board supports the intent of this measure. However, please be informed that the Board is already addressing this issue in proposing amendments in Title 16, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Chapter 79, Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”), Subchapter 14, section 16-79-141, Continuing education categories. The HAR amendment was approved by the Board and is currently proceeding in the rule making process.

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The HAR amendment provides for a continuing education (“CE”) requirement in ethics training and further clarifies the composition of eligible CE categories as required for in section 448-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In addition, the HAR adequately fulfills the purpose of this bill and extends further to include dental hygiene licensees to complete an ethics course as a part of the CE requirement as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on Senate Bill No. 114.

Hawaii State Legislature
State Senate
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

State Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
State Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 9:45 a.m. Room 229
Senate Bill 114 Relating to Dentistry

Honorable Chair Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

My name is Russel Yamashita and I am the legislative representative for the Hawaii Dental Association and its 960 member dentists. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 114 Relating to Dentistry. The HDA believes that the added requirement of ethics education is one that all professions should understand to maintain the integrity of their status as a profession and assure the public that their interests are protected by those who are licensed by the State of Hawaii.

As with many professions, Hawaii's licensed dentists are required to maintain their professional licensure with continuing education classes in order to keep up with current professional standards and procedures. With this legislation, ethics is an area which is often overlooked with the numerous topics covering changing technology and new scientific findings that health care professionals are having to deal with. The Hawaii Dental Association strongly supports this important requirement.