

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2476
H.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
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Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply dental sealants on individuals, under certain conditions, in a school-based oral health program.

Your Committee on Conference finds that dental sealants, a protective layer coating the chewing surface of molars, play a significant role in the oral health and development of children by helping to prevent tooth decay. Providing dental sealants through school-based oral health programs will serve as a proactive approach to expand and improve access to oral health care for Hawaii's keiki.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


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