

**Testimony of the Board of Dentistry**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Friday, April 10, 2026  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229, Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 505, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TIMMY HIRANO,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Chrissy Hoogland, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Dentistry (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Timmy Hirano's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Hirano has served on the Board since 2025 and has attended all scheduled meetings since his appointment. He is a dedicated dental professional with over 34 years of experience in private practice on the island of Kauai. He holds a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Creighton University of Dentistry and has been a licensed dentist since 1990. Dr. Hirano is also a member of the American Dental Association, Hawaii Dental Association, and Kauai County Dental Association. His long-standing clinical expertise, dedication to membership, and commitment to the dental profession contribute valuable perspective to the Board. For those reasons, the Board strongly supports his reappointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



## Hawaii Dental Association

Time/Date: 9:30 am, April 10, 2026

Location: State Capitol Room 229

Committee: Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection

Re: GM 505, Nomination of Dr. Timmy Hirano to serve on the Board of Dentistry

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Dental Association (HDA), we respectfully offer our support for GM 505, nominating Dr. Timmy Hirano to serve on the Hawai'i State Board of Dentistry.

Dr. Hirano brings more than three decades of hands-on experience to this role. Since 1990, he has owned and operated Hirano & Hirano D.D.S., L.L.C., where he provides comprehensive dental care to the community. His practice reflects a deep commitment to both preventative and restorative services, ensuring patients receive high-quality patient-centered care.

As a long-standing private practitioner, Dr. Hirano understands firsthand the responsibilities and challenges facing dentists in Hawai'i, from maintaining clinical excellence to navigating evolving regulatory standards. His experience will provide valuable insight to the Board as it works to protect public health while supporting a strong and capable dental workforce.

HDA is a statewide membership organization representing dentists practicing in Hawaii and licensed by the State of Hawaii's Board of Dentistry. HDA members are committed to protecting the oral health and well-being of the people of Hawaii, from keiki to kupuna and everyone in between. Our organization is a key health policy stakeholder, representing providers of oral health services on every island. HDA's top priority is the care of our patients and the health of Hawaii residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this nomination.

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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Jared Keohokalole  
Senator  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Dr. Timmy Hirano  
Candidate for the Board of Dentistry

Dear Senator Keohokalole;

As President of the Hawaii Dental Association, I am recommending Dr. Timmy Hiroano, general dentist for the position on the Board of Dentistry, representing the Kauai County.

Dr. Timmy Hirano is a full-time practicing dentist since 1990 with an office located at 3893 Hanapepe Road, Hanapepe, Hawaii. He is an extremely gifted professional who comes from a family of dental professionals. He and his wife are graduates of Creighton University School of Dentistry. He is a long-standing active member of the American Dental Association and the Hawaii Dental Association as numerous other prestigious organizations.

I have personally known Dr. Hirano for over 45 years and I fully recommend Dr. Timmy Hiano to the Board of Dentistry.

Respectfully,



Dr. Norman S. Chun  
Hawaii Dental Association, President