

Testimony of the Board of Dentistry

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Monday, March 30, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 & Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 580, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, CHRISTOPHER WOO,
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. Christopher Woo's reappointment to the Board as a licensee member.

Dr. Woo has served on the Board since 2025 and has attended all scheduled meetings since his appointment. He is a highly experienced professional with over 40 years of continuous clinical practice. Dr. Woo has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry and as a Fellow in the Academy of Dentistry International. He holds a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Indiana University School of Dentistry and has extensive experience as a clinical instructor and mentor, including his involvement with the Academy of R.V. Tucker and Hawaii Tanaka dental study clubs.

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 support his reappointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Jared Keohokalole
Senator
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Senator Keohokalole;

As President of the Hawaii Dental Association, I am recommending Dr. Chris Woo, general dentist for the position of Board of Dentistry, representing the Honolulu County.

Dr. Chris Woo is a full-time practicing dentist since 1984 with an office located at 1221 Kapiolani Blvd, Suite 819, Honolulu. He is an extremely gifted professional who has mentored many young and new dentists in the state. He is a guest instructor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City 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.

You may know Dr. Woo from his athletic accomplishments. He is an Olympic swimming champion who represented the USA and Hawaii in the 1976 Olympics. He won the Olympic gold medal in the men's medley relay.

I have personally known Dr. Woo for over 50 years and I fully recommend Dr. Chris Woo to the Board of Dentistry.

Respectfully,



Dr. Norman S. Chun