

## **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. 581, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GERI YOUNG,  
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. Geri Young's reappointment to the Board as a public member.

Dr. Young has served on the Board since 2025 and has attended two of the three scheduled meetings since her appointment. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Pu'ulu Lapa'au, Hawaii Program for Healthcare Professionals, and as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at John A. Burns School of Medicine. Prior to her appointment with the Board of Dentistry, Dr. Young served as a member of the Hawaii Medical Board from 2018 to 2025. Dr. Young holds a Doctorate degree in Medicine from John A. Burns School of Medicine and has decades of experience in clinical leadership and healthcare governance.

Her extensive expertise and continued commitment to public service are the reasons the Board strongly supports her reappointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**GM-581**

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Comments:

March 27, 2026

To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole

Chair of the Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs

RE: GM581 (nomination of Dr Geri Young to the Board of Dentistry)

I am testifying **in support** of Dr Young's nomination

The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole:

My name is Robert Wotring, current pediatrician at Kauai Medical Clinic in Lihue, Kauai. I am writing to support the nomination of Dr Geri Young to the Hawaii Board of Dentistry.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside Dr Young as a fellow pediatrician on the island of Kauai for almost 30 years until her retirement a couple of years ago. Dr Young is a dedicated and compassionate physician, and a great leader in her community. As a working pediatrician, Dr Young strongly advocated for her patients and their families. She also demonstrated a measured and thoughtful leadership style in her role as the Chief Medical Officer for Kauai Medical Clinic. Dr Young is a very well-respected physician and community member. I strongly support her nomination to the Hawaii Board of Dentistry.

Sincerely,

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