

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29 , 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2301  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 2301, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTRY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the ability of dentists  
to act in the best interests of their patients by prohibiting:

- (1) Unlicensed entities from interfering in the practice of  
dentistry; and
- (2) The practice of dentistry in a commercial or mercantile  
establishment.

Two concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.  
The Board of Dental Examiners opposed this measure.

There are concerns that the prohibition of the practice of  
dentistry in a commercial or mercantile setting may be overly  
restrictive, especially in light of the fact that other health  
professionals such as optometrists and pharmacists have practiced  
in such establishments for years. This issue warrants further  
consideration as this bill moves forward.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2301, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



