

1 Report of the Hawaii Dental Political Action Committee
2 (HDPAC) – 2018

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4 The Hawaii Dental Political Action Committee (HDPAC) successfully supported oral health
5 friendly candidates in the 2018 election. The Committee worked alongside the Hawaii
6 Dental Association Legislative Program to support legislators who introduced and advocated
7 for legislative bills that would ultimately support and enhance dentistry.

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9 The purpose of the Committee is to support candidates for State office and legislators that
10 support the advocacy positions of the Hawaii Dental Association. However, membership to
11 HDPAC represents only 19% of the Hawaii Dental Association. The monetary support from
12 all members is vital.

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14 The Committee is dedicated to moving organized dentistry both nationally and locally to the
15 highest levels by educating, promoting and cultivating relationships with elected officials
16 who establish rules concerning the rights and privileges of our profession through our
17 legislative process. The Committee also supports the election of Administration officials
18 responsible for appointing members of the State Board of Dentistry with the goal of
19 sustaining a safe practice environment for both practitioners and patients.

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21 The Committee’s work supports the HDA Legislative Program which successfully sought
22 passage of an ethics bill that administratively eases the timing of the 6 CE ethics credits
23 while supporting a bill to regulate dental assistants in a tiered manner, consistent with a 2018
24 state auditor’s report.

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26 The Committee will continue to provide political support for candidates to foster a favorable
27 environment for the Legislative Program’s goals.

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29 Respectfully submitted,

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32 Dr. Norman S. Chun
33 Chair

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36 **Recommendation of the HOD Resolutions Reference Task Force on the HDPAC report:**

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38 Report not received in time for review by the Task Force.

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41 **Action taken by the House:**