

Senator Wilson

The Alaska Dental Society supports SB25, extending the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners.

The Alaska Board of Dental Examiners serves many important functions including:

- Protecting public safety by policing the dental profession
- Developing regulations to complement the dental statutes
- Providing the public a mechanism to file actions against members of the dental profession
- Insuring dentists and hygienists maintain profession competency

In short without a dental board in place to regulate the dental profession the state would be unable to fill that role competently. We urge the Legislature to extend the dental board until 2027.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Alaska Board of Dental Examiners was established for the purpose of regulating dentistry in Alaska. Our duties include establishing statutes and regulations, reviewing and issuing permits and licenses, conducting investigations and taking disciplinary actions when necessary.

According to AS 08.03.010 (c)(7), the Board is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2019. This letter is an appeal to extend the Boards termination date to June 30, 2027. We recently were audited by the Alaska Division of Legislative Audit; their conclusion was that we are serving the public and they recommended to extend our charter.

Personally, I enjoy working with such a great group of my peers as well as our public member. Although I am a member of the Board, which will prejudice my opinion, I feel that we serve a critical role in the public health of our state.

Sincerely,

Paul Silveira DMD, President

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