

## DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE OF CALIFORNIA SUNSET REVIEW HEARING

Date: MARCH 17, 2014

The Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development (BPED) Committee and the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee (BPCP), collectively “the Committees,” are the standing committees of the Legislature that have oversight jurisdiction over the Department of Consumer Affairs (Department) and all agencies and entities under the Department. The Committees also have oversight jurisdiction over other regulatory or certification programs within the Business and Professions Code. Each of these boards, bureaus, committees, and programs currently license or certify specific professions and are responsible for implementing and enforcing the laws relating to these professions. It is the responsibility of the Committees to review whether the State should continue to regulate in this area, and if so, what changes should be made to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of these entities to ensure that the interests of California consumers are protected against incompetent practice or illegal activities relating to these professionals.

Previous legislation has established a repeal date (sunset) on boards, committees, and some bureaus under the Department which corresponds to an anticipated review by the Committees. In the past, this “sunset review” was conducted by a Joint Committee of the Legislature which was established by the Senate. However, in recent years it has been determined that reviews of the boards, bureaus, and committees under the Department will be conducted by the appropriate legislative policy Committees.

On March 17, 2014, the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC) is scheduled to appear before the Committees for review. The Committees will be reviewing five of the Department’s entities on that date, with the DHCC currently scheduled to be reviewed second. The hearing is scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4203 of the State Capitol.

Approximately two weeks prior to the date of the hearing, a “Background Paper” prepared by staff of the Committees for the hearing will be supplied to the DHCC. This Background Paper will provide information concerning the issues raised for the DHCC, and, where appropriate, staff recommendations to address those issues. The Background Paper will be made public two weeks prior to the hearing on the Senate BPED Committee’s Website at the following link:

<http://sbp.senate.ca.gov/informationalhearingagendaandbackground>

Upon completion of the hearings, the DHCC will have 30 days to submit a written response to all of the issues and recommendations raised by Committee staff in the Background Paper or during the hearing.