

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 12, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2706
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2706
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the certification requirements for dental hygienists; and
- (2) Prohibit dental assistants from rendering dental services that represent the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene or require the knowledge, skill, and training of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist.

Numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. Hawaii Dental Association and several individuals opposed this measure. The Board of Dental Examiners, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, and two individuals commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:


- (1) Reinstating existing statutory language that allows the Board of Dental Examiners to adopt rules regarding the duties of dental assistants and regulatory directives;



- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2070, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2706, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2706, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



