

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2016

Wednesday, February 10, 2016
8:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2706, RELATING TO HEALTH.

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify providing comments on House Bill No. 2706, Relating to Health, which clarifies requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist, and prohibits dental assistants from performing certain intra-oral functions and related activities.

I would like to preface my testimony by informing you that the Board has not had an opportunity to review and discuss this bill. It will be discussing it at the next Board meeting on February 17, 2016. However, the Board would like to provide the following comments at this time.

Regarding Section 2 of the bill which adds a new subsection 447-1(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), the Board currently requires certification in the administration of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia and certification in the administration of intra-oral block anesthesia under the current statute. Therefore, the proposed amendment may be redundant with respect to the current statute.

Regarding Section 3 of the bill, adding a new subsection 448-3(c), HRS, appears to also be redundant with respect to what is already in the Board's rules under section 16-79-69.5, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Prohibited Duties of the Dental Assistants, as well as the dental hygienists statutes, Chapter 447, HRS.

In addition, on page 4, lines 2 to 4, the Board's ability to adopt rules to delineate the duties of dental assistants is being deleted. This would result in the Board not being able to adopt rules as current practices, technology, and training change. As a matter of information, Kapiolani Community College ("KCC"), is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and offers a certification program for dental assistants. KCC is currently unable to, but is ready to establish a training program for dental assistants to apply fluoride varnish, should the Board amend its administrative rules to allow dental assistants to perform that service. This bill would require the Board to go to the Legislature before any changes can be made.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2706.



Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Health
February 9, 2016
Legislative Hearing on HB 2706 Relating to HEALTH
Testimony in Support of HB 2706
Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH
Regulation and Practice Chairperson HDHA 2016

Dear Respected Members of the House Committee on Health:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) supports the intent of **HB 2706**. We would like to congratulate you on your leadership in initiating this important discussion during this legislative session. This bill will bring a much-needed resolution to an existing debate with the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners regarding qualifications of a Dental Hygienist and allowable duties of a Dental Assistant.

HB 2706 appears to address two factors affecting the Hawaii Revised statutes relating to dental hygiene and dentistry. HDHA will address these two factors separately in this testimony.

Regarding the matter of who may become a dental hygienist, HDHA strongly supports the amendment of HRS 447-1. **HB 2706** clarifies the original intention of the Statute to have ALL dental hygienists in Hawaii certified in Local and Block Anesthesia, and guarantees the highest standard of safety and care for the public.

From the implementation of the anesthesia law in the 1990's, Hawaii's hygienists have been held to the highest standard of training and care requiring certification in Local infiltration anesthesia and Block anesthesia. The University of Hawaii at Moana changed their curriculum to become compliant with the law that newly licensed hygienists be Local and Block anesthesia certified.

For years, hygiene applicants were required to submit records showing block anesthesia requirements were met at a CODA accredited university, or a secondary anesthesia course approved by the HBODE was completed with a pre-determined number of Block injections. If neither of these scenarios were fulfilled, licensure was denied until Block and Local anesthesia requirements could be met.

In the last few years, HDHA has made several attempts to address the HBODE regarding new dental hygiene licenses issued with no Block Anesthesia requirements and a separate classification of "Local Infiltration Only" licenses being given to new applicants, usually from out of state. They, along with the newest Deputy Attorney General have consistently stated HDHA was misinterpreting the Statute and that Local Infiltration or Block anesthesia was acceptable for licensure. HRS 447-1 clearly states Local Infiltration **and** Block anesthesia is a requirement, not either/or!

HDHA would like to see the original intent be restored to all future dental hygiene applicants. Simply said, the better trained we are, the safer the public is!

As regards to the amendment of HRS 448-3 relating to allowable duties of a dental assistant, HDHA is also in support of this amendment. By proposing to add language within the Hawaii Administrative Rules, allowing dental assistants to apply fluoride varnish The HBODE and the current Deputy AG are encroaching on the Scope of Practice for dental hygienists, layed out in HRS-447-3 (application of preventive chemical agents to the coronal surfaces of teeth). According to this statute, applying fluoride varnish to the teeth is an allowable duty of a licensed dental hygienist and therefore cannot be an allowable function of a dental assistant.

In the future, HDHA would support the licensure or certification of dental assistants with expanded duties, like fluoride varnish application, should the proper HBODE course approved infrastructure be in place.

HDHA thanks you for your time and consideration of **HB 2706**. We would like to convey our desire that dentists, assistants and hygienists continue to be integral members of the oral health team, and feel that the public is best served and protected when all oral health providers and highly trained and work within their practice acts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Committee on Health

State Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
State Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 8:30 a.m. Room 329
House Bill 2706 Relating to Health

Honorable Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Richard P. Creagan, and
members of the House Committee on Health,

My name is Russel Yamashita and I am the legislative representative for the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) and its 960 member dentists. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in opposition of House Bill 2706 Relating to Health. Currently, the provisions in this bill are implemented in the rules promulgated by the Board of Dental Examiners a number of years ago. It is the intent of the Board to revise these rules regarding these provisions which this bill intends to bind statutorily the scope of work and permissible procedures for dental health staff. Therefore, this bill would unnecessarily tie the hands of the Board's intent to upgrade and revise the practice and procedures for the efficient delivery of dental health services to the community.

Currently, many changes have evolved in the delivery of dental health services relating to dental hygienists and dental assistants. With the advent of formal courses at community colleges and vocational schools, and the work force development support by public and private agencies, dental assistants now are permitted on the mainland to perform some basic services and procedures which were previously performed by dental hygienists. By passing this legislation and blocking the Board from updating the rules, Hawaii will be locking itself in to archaic practices and procedures.

Additionally, if this legislation were to pass, strict adherence to this law would result in increased cost of dental health care for both dentists in private practice and for community health centers around the state. Those increased costs will further impede the access to care in communities where there are few dentists to begin with, in either public or private settings. The increased financial burden created for dentists in private practice and community health center by this legislation will have to be born by the consumers. Other effects of this bill would be the reduction of available services in marginally served communities when private dentists or community health centers cannot absorb the costs created by this legislation.

Therefore, the Hawaii Dental Association and its members strenuously opposes this legislation on the poor public policy it sets and the additional financial burden it puts on consumers in Hawaii.

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Legislative Alert
HB 2706 (SB3065)

Significant points:

This bill will remove the Board of Dental Examiners' ability to make simple rules changes. The ability to make rules changes is more efficient than submitting it through the legislative process. This is especially true with the rapid changes in the technology we all face today. For example using the rules process it is now allowable to have dental assistants use a computer generated impression camera(CEREC, E4D). However, this bill would reverse this allowable procedure and prevent dental assistants to take digital impressions. New technologies on the horizon could be adopted by using simple rules changes rather than submitting it through the legislative process which may take years to change.

The second most egregious point of this bill is that it will prohibit dental assistants from applying fluoride on coronal surfaces of the teeth. Currently, Hawaii is the only state in

the country that disallows dental assistants this activity. Medical assistants in Hawaii are allowed to place fluoride why not Dental Assistants?

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Honored members of the Hawai'i House of Representatives Committee on Health:
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Hearing
Wednesday, 02-10-16 8:30AM
House conference room 329

I wish to enter testimony in opposition to HB2706.

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title: Dental Hygienists; Dental Assistants; Licensing

Description: Clarifies requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist. Prohibits dental assistants from performing certain intra-oral functions and related activities.

This measure would needlessly restrict the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners from input into defining rules regarding Dental Assistants, mandate an unnecessary block anesthesia requirement for Dental Hygiene licensure, and eliminate much of the duties currently allowed by Dental Assistants under direct supervision of a Licensed Dentist. It is a little confusing as to why the last item should be addressed as a Statutory change and not in the Rules section.

I would strongly urge the members of this committee to remove this bill from any serious consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB2706.

House of Representatives
Committee on Health

Representative Della Au Bellati, Chair
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice-Chair;
and members of the committee:

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 8:30 a.m. Room 329
House Bill 2706 Relating to Health

I am Steve Wilhite, President of the Hawaii Dental Association and a dentist in private practice. I wish to testify in opposition to HB2706.

First, this measure would needlessly restrict the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners from input into defining rules regarding Dental Assistants and mandates an unnecessary block anesthesia requirement for Dental Hygiene licensure.

Second, the most egregious point of this bill is that it will prohibit dental assistants from applying topical fluoride on coronal surfaces of the teeth. Currently, Hawaii is the only state in the country that prohibits dental assistants this activity. Medical assistants in Hawaii are allowed to place topical fluoride, so why are Dental Assistants prohibited? This provision alone will increase cost 3 to 4 times on EVERY patient receiving a topical application.

I would strongly urge the members of this committee to remove this bill from any serious consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB2706.

Steve Wilhite DDS
President of the Hawaii Dental Association



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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

House Committee on Health

The Hon. Della Au Belatti, Chair

The Hon. Richard P. Creagan, Vice-Chair

Testimony on House Bill 2706

Relating to Health

Submitted by Dustin Stevens, Public Affairs and Policy Director

February 10, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Room 329

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, offers comments on House Bill 1772, which seeks to clarify the requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist and limits the scope of activities performed by dental assistants.

In 2015, the Department of Health released a report entitled Hawaii Oral Health: Key Findings, which highlighted some of the health inequity and access to care issues that currently exist in the state. Among them were:

- From 2009-2011, only 41% of pregnant women, 29% of pregnant low-income women, and 27% of women in Medicaid or QUEST visited a dentist during their pregnancy.
- In 2012, 52% of low-income adults saw a dentist as compared to 82% of higher income adults.
- In that same year, 51% of low-income adults lost teeth due to dental disease, while only 32% of high-income adults did.

Our concern is that if the bill is passed as drafted, it will continue to heighten the disparities that exist in the state. Strict adherence would result in increased costs and decreased patient loads, serving to both overburden existing dental infrastructure as well as diminish access, especially in neighbor island and rural communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: I am in support of HB2706 in order to protect the allowed duties of the dental hygienists.

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Re: HB 2706 RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Committee on Health

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair Hearing Date: February 10, 2016 Time: 8:30 am Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Honorable Representative Au Belatti, Chair, Representative Creagan, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

This testimony is in support of HB2706.

My name is Laura A Mallery-Sayre and as a dental hygiene educator, I strongly support HB2706. I know the level of educational achievement needed to provide dental hygiene students with the expertise to perform the tasks required by licensure and I can assure you that dental assistants, trained in dental practices, do not meet these high standards. In order for a dental assistant to meet dental hygiene accreditation standards for licensure and practice, the dental assistant would need to be provided with formal education, not on the job training.

The safety of the public is the highest calling of the Hawaii State Legislature. I would ask you to support HB2706 to ensure that the highest standards are held in place for the practice of dental hygienists as well as dental assistants.

Laura Mallery-Sayre, RDH, MSDHEd

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Comments: Public safety refers to the welfare n protection of the general public with the primary goal of prevention n protection of public from dangers affecting safety such as crimes or disasters. By allowing unlicensed/unregulated dental assets/dental auxiliary to perform duties that only licensed dentists n registered dental hygienists are educated to perform are considered to be a major concern for the public's safety. When one visits a dental office for the treatment n care of their teeth, the person trusts that the staff will provide a comprehensive quality approach with safety n their well-being in mind. As for the licensing requirements of dental hygienists, it is of up most concern that dental hygienists have completed and provide all required documentation listed in order to be licensed in the State of Hawaii. Incomplete documentation should NOT allow the applicant a license n is considered a major public safety issue. Those who have been given a license with partial documentation, should be required to complete the requirements before the next license renewal or forfeit their license. That being said, I am in SUPPORT of HB2706.

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HB 2706 Relating to Dental Hygienists

Committee on Health

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Representative Richard Creagan, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: February 10, 2016

Time: 8:30

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Honorable Representative Au Belatti, Chair, Representative Creagan, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 2706

My name is Sierra Spruce, RDH and I have been a full time practicing hygienist for 45 years, 30 of those years in Kona, Hawaii. I have served in leadership positions in both Texas and Hawaii. I served on the Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners and have served as a grader for the Hawaii dental hygiene board exams.

This bill serves to clarify who may become a dental hygienist. Part of the requirements for licensure specify an applicant be certified in local intra-oral infiltration and intra-oral block anesthesia. The Board of Dental Examiners has waived this requirement and issued licenses to applicants who do not have this certification. This requirement is part of the statute (section 447-1).

The bill also delineates the prohibited duties of the dental assistant and places them in the statute. Most assistants in this state are on the job trained employees, with no official education, certification or examination. They work under the supervision of the dentist but are usually trained by other assistants in the office. The BODE has tried in the past and is currently seeking to change the duties of these auxiliaries without regard for public safety.

Please give your support to this important bill.

Sincerely,

Sierra Spruce, RDH

Ocean View, Hawaii

Past President, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association

Past President, Texas Dental Hygienists' Association

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Leanne E Higa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The dental hygiene profession is committed to promoting high standards of patient care and prevention of oral health diseases. This bill will protect the health of the public by preserving the educational level of the oral health care professional administering care. The duties and roles of the dental hygienist must be protected in order to protect the public.

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Tracy Furukawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Registered Dental Hygienist for the past 22 years. I attended UHM for 6 years receiving a Certificate in Dental Hygiene and then an additional year of study to receive my Bachelors in Dental Hygiene. Through the years in the field of dentistry and dental hygiene, there have been numerous changes in products, techniques, and education. But one thing remains constant, and that is the health and well being of the public. As a result, I am in support of bill HB 2706.

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Rosie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a professional dental hygienist, I am in full support of HB 2706. Mahalo!

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Comments: I am a dental hygienist here in Hawaii and I am in support of this bill.

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Re: HB 2706 RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Committee on Health

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: February 10, 2016

Time: 8:30 am

Place: Conference Room 329

Dear Honorable Representative Au Belatti, Chair, Representative Creagan, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

This testimony is in **support** of **HB2706**.

My name is Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH. I have been a practicing Dental Hygienist in good standing on the island of Hawaii since 1992, living in Hilo with the privilege to have practiced in Kona and Hilo. I have taken an active role in leadership; volunteered in my community, island, and state; **attended almost every Board of Dental Examiners meeting since 2007**; and twice applied for a position on the Board of Dental Examiners (HBODE). I am now serving my sixth year on the Regulated Industries Complaints Office's (RICO) Dental Advisory Committee. A dental hygienist since 1979, I am a former Anesthesia Examiner for Western Regional Examining Board, and member of the American Association of Dental Boards since the mid 1980's. Active in the legislative process when block anesthesia for dental hygienists became a part of our Statute, I was the first dental hygienist to receive certification in block anesthesia in Hawaii.

Thank you for the thought and consideration that went into the creation of HB2706. It is important in that it has the power to resolve long standing issues of public safety and concern. This testimony will include history as support and will be divided into two sections to address the two parts of HB2706.

SECTION 1: Block Anesthesia

When block anesthesia was introduced for dental hygienists, consideration was given to the practicing licensed dental hygienists in Hawaii, who had no desire to perform this function. They were grandfathered with a choice whether or not to pursue certification. Those who wished to were provided stringent guidelines and criteria to fulfill. In order to raise the standard of care in Hawaii, and provide that eventually **all** dental hygienists would be qualified to provide this service, all new licensure applicants were required to fulfill those criteria and be certified in order to obtain licensure.

This was enforced until two years ago, when there appeared a sprinkling of dental hygiene applicants licensed without block anesthesia certification, which increased over time to the majority. **Somewhere along the line, "and" statements in the Statute were suddenly interpreted as "or" statements, different from the original intent.**

According to Stanley Malamed, DMD, expert on Dental Anesthesia, **block anesthesia is the safest and the highest standard for pain control.** Infiltration anesthesia has a high risk of toxicity, overdose, and medical emergency due to the stress of multiple injections.

HB2706 clarifies the original intention of the Statute to have ALL dental hygienists in Hawaii certified in Block Anesthesia, and guarantees the highest standard of safety and care for the public.

SECTION 2: Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants

In November of 2007, the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners (HBODE) began a complete update of the **entire** Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 79, in order to bring them current with HR Statutes and remove redundancies. In January, 2008, a draft containing proposed language to allow expanded duties for dental assistants with no standardized education, testing, or certification, appeared for consideration with no history of public meeting, forcing Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) to put the HBODE on notice for violation of Sunshine Law. HDHA demonstrated these duties were unsafe and in clear violation of HRS 447-3(b). The HBODE became careful to comply with the Sunshine Law and the inclusion of those expanded duties was abandoned, although Hawaii Dental Association persisted with testimony to include them. That process required constant vigilance for public safety. **Only two years ago, in January 2014, the result of that at particular Rules Change process was implemented.**

In recent months, it came to the attention of HBODE that medical assistants were applying fluoride varnish on children. According to Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, the American Association of Medical Assistants' Chief Executive Officer and Legal Counsel:

Medical assistants cannot be delegated any duties that:

- (1) constitute the practice of medicine or require the skill and knowledge of a licensed physician;
- (2) are restricted in state law to other health professionals;**
- (3) require the medical assistant to exercise independent professional judgment or to make clinical assessments, evaluations, or interpretations.**

In addition, the HBODE acknowledged that there are dental assistants placing fluoride varnish on children's teeth in many dental offices. **Rather than advise the HBODE to initiate or take disciplinary action against the pediatricians and dentists in violation, who are putting public safety at risk, and contrary to previous Deputy Attorneys General (DAG), the current DAG sought to interpret the Statutes to enable the HBODE to create rules to achieve their goals with no regard to public safety.** In fact, at the January 25th, 2016, HBODE meeting, the DAG encouraged the HBODE to delete the last section of HAR 16-79-69.5, after the semicolon, ultimately deleting the public safety net from the rules.

§16-79-69.5 Prohibited duties of dental assistants.

A dental assistant shall not perform the following intra-oral functions or any other activity deemed to be irreversible as to cause change in the affected hard or soft tissues and is permanent or may require reconstructive or corrective procedures; **and any other activity which represents the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene or requires the knowledge, skill, and training of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist:**

HBODE has proposed a rule to allow dental assistants to apply fluoride, “the application of a chemical preventive agent to the coronal surfaces of teeth”, which is in violation of 447-3.b.

§447-3 Employment of and practice by dental hygienists.

(b) Clinical dental hygiene may be practiced by a licensed dental hygienist. The practice of clinical dental hygiene is defined as the removal of hard and soft deposits and stains from the portion of the crown and root surfaces to the depth of the gingival sulcus, polishing natural and restored surfaces of teeth, the application of preventive chemical agents to the coronal surfaces of teeth, which chemical agents have been approved by the board of dental examiners, and the use of mouth washes approved by the board,...

They have proposed this requiring **only on the job training** by a dentist, without standardized education, testing, or means of regulation. Fluoride is a well-accepted preventive agent in the hands of licensed professionals. **It is also a known poison with specific contraindications with specific products on specific patients. The safe application of various fluoride treatments, requires the knowledge, skill, training, and licensure of a dentist or dental hygienist.**

Misinformed dentists will believe that this bill is threatening to remove allowable duties for dental assistants. However, **a side by side comparison** of the current HAR16-79-69.5 and HB2706 shows that to be completely untrue. HB2706 simply clarifies HAR 16-79-69.5(7) by spelling out “the exception of duties listed in section 16-79-69.1”. It also adds two specific duties in order to **clarify and support 447-3b: #15 and #17** (#16 is a redundancy stated within #14), and prevent further question. (Please note typographical error # 13 should read “...pulp vitality” not “...pulp variety”.)

HB 2706 TAKES THE CURRENT (1/2014) LIST OF PROHIBITED DUTIES FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS (HAR 16-79-69.5), WORD FOR WORD, AND DROPS IT NEATLY INTO THE STATUTES; PREVENTING ANY FURTHER THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY BY UNREGULATED PERSONS, AND ELIMINATING REDUNDANT AND TIME-CONSUMING RE-VISITATION.

While I am certain you will hear opposition coming from the Hawaii Dental Association, please do not be misled. HB2706 ensures standardized education, examination, regulation, the highest standard of care, and, most importantly, **public safety**. Please support HB 2706. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH

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Re: HB. NO. 2706/ SB. NO. 3085

Committee on Health

Hearing Date: February 10th, 2016

Time: 8:30am

Place: Conference Room 329

RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Good Morning Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

This testimony is in support of HB2706.

My name is Diana Smith RDH, BA. I've been a licensed Dental Hygienist for 34 years, 25 of those years here in Hawaii. I'm a member of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, the Hawaii Island Trustee for the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association and past President for the Big Island HDHA component. I'm employed full time in a private practice and I'm currently volunteering in a 2 year program I've created for "Full Life" Empowering people with disabilities.

I'd like to thank the members of legislature for taking the time to address these issues.

This is a public safety issue. The wording in section 448-3 b (Duties of the dental assistant and regulatory directives shall be delineated under rules which the board of dental examiners may from time to time adopt) seems to be very open ended statement.

It give the dental board a "carte blanche" to decide what procedures a dental assistant can do. This gives the board the ability to allow "any" service the board of dental examiners decided to adopt, which may include duties and procedures that are presently provided by licensed hygienists, to be delegated to an unlicensed dental assistant. This allows the dentists to "Save Costs" by not employing a licensed professional, bottom line.

Having a complete list of duties that are "not" to be performed by dental assistants eliminates questions concerning assisting duties. There are many intra-oral procedures that require

technical skills and formal education. These cannot be adequately provided by a few hands-on in office instruction. Dental assistants are NOT required a certification, some dental assistants do hold certifications from other states, however there are NO requirements for dental assistants (including a high school diploma) in Hawaii. HB 2706 makes the duties of the dental assistant clear.

We need to have licensed/college educated dental professionals who have an understanding of biological and chemical interactions and who have been formally trained to provide these dental services to the public and therefore protect their safety.

Thank-you for taking the time address this matter,

Diana G. Smith RDH, BA, member ADHA, HDHA Big Island Trustee
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Dollcy	Individual	Support	No

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Comments: As a health care profession, it is vital to be represented by a board that is comprised of committed and concerned members who will represent their peers and oversee all matters pertaining to professional licensure and practices here in Hawaii.

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Stacy Matsuyama-Sekioka	Individual	Support	No

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Teri A Matsumura	Individual	Support	No

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Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Representative Richard Creagan, Vice chair

Committee on Health

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 8:30am. Room 329

HB2706 Relating to Dental Hygienists; Dental Assistants; Licensing

Support of HB2706

Honorable Chairperson Della Au Belatti, Vice-Chair Richard Creagan, and Respected Members of Committee on Health,

My name is Gerraine Hignite and I am a licensed Registered Dental Hygienist in the State of Hawaii for the past 10 years. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in **support of HB2706** Relating to Dental Hygienists; Dental Assistants; Licensing.

For the public's safety, HB2706 will clarify requirements for licensure of Dental Hygienists in the State of Hawaii as well as list prohibited duties of a unlicensed Dental Assistant/Dental Auxillary in a dental office setting.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I humbly ask for your support of HB2706.

Sincerely,

Gerraine Hignite, BS, RDH

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Susan Eladnani RDH	Individual	Support	No

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Charlyn Loria	Individual	Support	No

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Marilyn Roberts Nonaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the intent of HB2706 to further clarify the dental hygiene practice act already in place. However, because the incidence of childhood tooth decay is a significant problem in Hawaii, I would not be opposed to dental assistants applying topical fluoride varnish in settings other than the traditional dental office setting, similarly as is being done by other health care professionals not affiliated with dentistry.

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Aloha from Lihue.

I appreciate your efforts on behalf of the dental profession and the patients we serve, but all of this effort is redundant. The Board of Dental Examiners is already doing this. I think our state legislators should defer all work on this bill, and let the Board do its job. You can put this on the back burner since it is already being dealt with. If you are not happy with the work the Board of Dental Examiners does, then you can always modify it later but let them finish what they have started.

My biggest concern is that if this bill gets worded improperly --- even the slightest bit --- you could create chaos in specialty dental practices. My assistants are perpetually supervised (I am always in the same room and check everything they do) and they do nothing that is not easily reversible. However, a slight miswording in this bill that might place added restrictions upon them could unintentionally make them useless to me and cause orthodontics costs to go out the roof. They need to have the freedom to do their jobs as they are current doing them. Patients are well served by this. Believe me, patients are far better served with these conscientious assistants double-checking my work than they would be if I worked alone. I have good people working for me who are doing a great job and I don't want to see that changed inadvertently.

I implore you to let the dental board deal with this.

Mahalo for your good intentions.

Michael R. Bailey, DMD
Lihue, HI

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Wayne Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not pass this bill. Regulation of dental auxiliaries should be controlled by the Board of Dental Examiners. It has the input of dentists and hygienists who work in dental offices and understand how rules and regulations on auxiliaries will affect the practice. Not all dental hygienists want to administer local anesthetics in the office and shouldn't be required to do so to pass the Dental Hygiene Board exam. It is not an essential part of their work in dental offices. Dental assistants should be able to apply topical fluoride to children's teeth. Many dental offices on the big island do not have dental hygienists. Sincerely, Wayne S H Leong, DDS

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Lili Horton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Honorable Chair Belatti and Members of the House Health Committee, A major cause for opposing this bill is that in Section 3b, the striking out of the language assigning the rule making and modification of rules by the Board of Dental Examiners regarding dental assistant duties requires that any changes in dental assisting rules in the future will require legislative action. This effectively removes the administrative regulation of dental assisting from a group of qualified and vetted professionals and places that responsibility directly under the Legislature. I urge you to let the Board of Dental Examiners continue their important work to carefully review and update the Dental Practice Acts. Understanding the dynamics of a dental team is critically important in rule making, and these professionals can best recommend the appropriate changes needed for quality, safe and cost effective dental care. Thank you for allowing me to provide my opposition testimony to HB 2706. Respectfully submitted, Lili Horton, DMD, MS

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Brianna Goto	Individual	Oppose	No

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natalie nasu	Individual	Oppose	No

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February 8, 2016

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Richard Creagan, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Re: HB 2706

Dear Representatives:

My name is Curt S. Shimizu, DDS. I am a general dentist licensed to practice in Hawaii. I have been in private practice for 32 years on Oahu.

I write to urge you to defeat HB 2706 because it will restrict the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners from exercising their duties in making simple rules changes. Being able to change existing rules to allow for modernization and advances in technology is important for the delivery of dental care and public safety. An inquiry with the Board of Dental Examiners would reveal that they have studied current practice modalities and are ready to modernize the rules relating to the duties dental hygienists and dental assistants may or may not perform.

New line item #17 prohibiting dental assistants from applying preventive chemical agents to the coronal surfaces of teeth would not serve the public. The placement of fluoride on teeth helps keiki and adults as many scientific studies have shown. Across the nation, 49 states allow this procedure; Hawaii needs to be part of the national trend to allow dental assistants to provide these services. And, in Hawaii, medical assistants are allowed to place fluoride on teeth. Hawaii's dental assistants should be allowed to provide this service to Hawaii's dental patients.

Please defeat and remove HB 2706 from consideration. Allow the Board of Dental Examiners to do their due diligence in making decisions concerning dentistry in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Curt S. Shimizu, DDS
Oahu general dentist
Past President, Hawaii Dental Association, 2012-2013

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Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro
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Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola
Rep. Dee Morikawa

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My name is Darrell Teruya. I am a licensed General Dentist actively practicing in the State of Hawai'i since 1984.

I wish to enter testimony in opposition to HB2706.

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title: Dental Hygienists; Dental Assistants; Licensing

Description: Clarifies requirements for licensure as a dental hygienist. Prohibits dental assistants from performing certain intra-oral functions and related activities.

This measure would needlessly restrict the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners from input into defining rules regarding Dental Assistants, mandate an unnecessary block anesthesia requirement for Dental Hygiene licensure, and eliminate much of the duties currently allowed by Dental Assistants under direct supervision of a Licensed Dentist. It is a little confusing as to why the last item should be addressed as a Statutory change and not in the Rules section.

A final note, as an aside, on page 6 line 7 I am unfamiliar with the term "testing pulp variety".

I would strongly urge the members of this committee to remove this bill from any serious consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB2706.

Darrell Teruya, DDS

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John Okamoto DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The board of examiners are better qualified to govern and make rules on acceptable duties that hygienists and dental assistants may perform passing it over to group of layman who are influenced by lobbyists is irresponsible to the public and all those who seek excellent dental care.

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Kelliann Rita	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a practicing dentist on Kauai and I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding HB 2706, which is to be heard on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, by your committee. The Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners is already in the process of modernizing the rules relating to the duties hygienists and assistants may or may not perform in dental offices. The current rules regarding these auxiliaries' duties have not been updated for quite some time: there have been many changes in the physical practice of dentistry and significant changes in dental technology as well as the various educational programs and certification regimes available for hygienists and assistants, the rules governing their allowable duties and duties not allowed must be updated to remain effective, current and fair. The determination of what constitutes acceptable practice is best suited to the Board of Dental Examiners. Please understand that allowing dental professionals, on our Board of Dental Examiners, to have this authority is the most practical and sensible thing to do. I fear that implementation of this bill will raise the future costs of oral health care for all Hawaii residents, prevent some people from accessing dental care, as well as compromise care for our patients. HB 2706 will prevent the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners from doing their job (a job they want to do and have already begun), in updating the rules in the Dental Practice Act, regarding specific duties of these auxiliaries. (HAR, Subchapter 7, 16-79-69.1, .5, .15, .15.) Please stop this misguided legislation and let the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners exercise their responsibility and continue to take action to update the "Dental Practice Act", in such a way that is fair and appropriate for the community. Thank you for your time in this matter.

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I would strongly urge the members of this committee to remove this bill from any serious consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB2706.

Sincerely,

Jaclyn Lum DDS

Aloha Committee Representatives for HB 2706,

My name is Kaimana Goo and I am a dentist on Kauai. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding [HB 2706](#), which is to be heard on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, by your committee.

I truly believe that the designation of duties for our dental auxiliaries, dental assistants and dental hygienists, should be placed in the hands of those who know and understand our profession of dentistry. Our Hawai'i State Board of Dental Examiners is a group of dentists from across Hawai'i and represents the common interest for Hawai'i's dentists and the oral health of Hawai'i's residents.

The [Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners](#) is currently working on modernizing rules relating to the duties of dental hygienists and dental assistants and I believe they are the best entity to do so. These rules must be reevaluated and updated from time to time, as the environment of dentistry is dynamic and changing with an influx of new knowledge, technologies, and equipment that changes the way dentistry is practiced. These rules cannot be stagnant or Hawai'i will fall back as the rest of the nation progresses in a movement toward better, more accessible dental care for our communities.

HB 2706 will prevent the [Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners](#) from doing this job and the determination of what is acceptable dental practice is best suited for those in dentistry, as are members of our Hawai'i State Board of Dental Examiners. **Please stop this legislation and let the Hawai'i State Board of Dental Examiners exercise their responsibility** and continue to take action to update the "[Dental Practice Act](#)," in the best interest of the dental health for our island communities.

Mahalo for your time,
Kaimana Goo, DMD, MPH

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Lauren N.Bundschuh DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Representatives, As a practicing dentist on Kauai, I am writing to express my and my colleagues grave concerns regarding HB 2706, which is to be heard on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, by your committee. Implementation of this bill will raise the future costs of oral health care for all Hawaii residents and prevent some people from accessing dental care. The Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners is already in the process of modernizing the rules relating to the duties hygienists and assistants may or may not perform in dental offices. The current rules regarding these auxiliaries' duties have not been updated for quite some time: With changes in the actual practice of dentistry and in dental technology as well as the various educational programs and certification regimes available for hygienists and assistants, the rules governing their allowable duties and duties not allowed must be updated to remain effective, current and fair. The determination of what constitutes acceptable practice is better suited to the Board of Dental Examiners. HB 2706 will prevent the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners from doing their job (a job they want to do and have already begun), in updating the rules in the Dental Practice Act, regarding specific duties of these auxiliaries. (HAR, Subchapter 7, 16-79-69.1, .5, .15, .15.) Please stop this misguided legislation and let the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners exercise their responsibility and continue to take action to update the "Dental Practice Act", in such a way that is fair and appropriate for the community. Respectfully, Lauren N. Bundschuh DDS

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Jim Hori, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please stop this old and ineffective legislation unless you want to be responsible for more critical accidents for our patients! Let's have the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners exercise their responsibility and continue to take action to update the "Dental Practice Act."

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