

I would like to testify in support of SB2671, a bill which is proposed to formally recognize and regulate the field of veterinary technology in the State of Hawaii. As you probably already know, veterinary technicians perform many vital roles in the veterinary clinic, including:

- Intubation and administration of anesthesia;
- Administering parenteral medications;
- Performing dental cleanings and exams;
- Taking and developing radiographs (x-ray images);
- Performing crucial diagnostic laboratory tests;
- Providing client education

The majority of US states currently recognize veterinary technicians through licensure or registration. In most of these states, those wishing to be licensed or registered must:

1. Graduate from an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited veterinary technology program;
2. Pass the Veterinary Technology Exam (VTNE);
3. Pay all applicable fees;
4. Maintain their expertise through completion of approved continuing education (CE) credits;

SB2671 emulates the requirements for recognition of veterinary technicians in most other states, but also has added additional flexibility by allowing workers with five-or-more years of OTJ training to take the VTNE without graduating from an AVMA-accredited veterinary technology program. If passed, the bill would represent a win-win situation for technicians meeting these requirements as well as the veterinary practices that hire them. By formally recognizing those individuals who have chosen to distinguish themselves by completing the registration requirements, SB2671 will help to increase the standard of veterinary care throughout the state. Not only will it ensure that registrants have adequate training with essential hands-on skills utilized in veterinary practice (intubation, IV catheter placement, etc.), but it will also ensure that they have an ample understanding of the anatomy and physiology of companion animals and livestock as well as the diseases that may affect them.

Sincerely,

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Comments: Neighbor Island representation will bring parity into the system by providing a perspective that may not be understood by those on Oahu.

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