
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that thirty-eight states
2 and the District of Columbia require some form of certification
3 or licensure for dental assistants. However, dental assistants
4 are not currently required to be certified or otherwise
5 regulated in Hawaii. The legislature notes that the University
6 of Hawaii, Kapiolani community college offers a dental assisting
7 certification program, accredited by the Commission on Dental
8 Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Furthermore,
9 Kapiolani community college's dental assisting program offers
10 pathways to certification as a certified dental assistant via
11 passage of an examination offered by the Dental Assisting
12 National Board, Inc.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the
14 auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis on the effects of
15 regulation of dental assistants in the State via the
16 certification options for dental assistants offered by Kapiolani
17 community college's dental assisting program.



1 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the auditor
2 shall conduct a sunrise analysis on the effects of regulation of
3 dental assistants in the State via the certification
4 requirements for dental assistants offered by the University of
5 Hawaii Kapiolani community college's dental assisting program.

6 (b) The auditor shall examine the following pathways to
7 certification for dental assistants:

8 (1) Successful completion of the certificate of
9 achievement in dental assisting program at Kapiolani
10 Community College and successful completion of the
11 certified dental assistant examination offered by the
12 Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.; and

13 (2) Successful completion of the certificate of competence
14 in dental assisting from Kapiolani community college,
15 plus employer-verified proof of more than 3,500 hours
16 of employment as a dental assistant, and successful
17 completion of the certified dental assistant
18 examination offered by the Dental Assisting National
19 Board, Inc.

20 (c) The auditor shall submit a report of findings and
21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the regular session of 2018.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



Report Title:

Dental Assistants; Certification; Auditor

Description:

Requires the auditor to conduct a study on the effects of regulation of dental assistants in the State via the certification requirements for dental assistants offered by Kapiolani community college. (SD2)

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