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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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Regular Session of 2017

Thursday, February 23, 2017  
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 374, H.D.1, RELATING TO DENTAL  
ASSISTANTS.**

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., Chairperson of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 374, H.D.1, Relating to Dental Assistants. This measure clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices requirements for dental assistants and prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license, to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene.

The Board strongly opposes this bill as it would prohibit dental assistants from performing a simple procedure that is within the scope of practice of dental hygiene as provided in Chapter 447, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Chapter 447, HRS specifies that the practice of dental hygiene includes, among other services, "the application of preventive chemical agents to the coronal surfaces of teeth". The application of fluoride would be included in this definition.

The Board believes that dental assistants can safely apply fluoride to patients, similarly as all other states allow dental assistants to apply fluoride. As proposed in its administrative rules, the dental assistant would be able to apply fluoride in a manner appropriate by the American Dental Association in a unit dose approved by the supervising licensed dentist or in an amount pre-measured by the supervising licensed dentist. Also, the Board requires the supervising licensed dentist to appropriately train or provide training to dental assistants before performing any activity.

It is not the Board's intent to eliminate or erode the practice of dental hygiene as dental hygienists provide extremely valuable services and skills, and is an essential part of the dental team. However, with changes to the practice of dentistry and rapid improvements to technology and equipment, the Board would like to continue having the ability to implement changes through its administrative rules by using its expertise and in protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Therefore, the Board recommends deferral of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 374, H.D.1.

Honored members of the COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair; Rep Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Rep. Henry J.C. Aquino, Rep. Ken Ito, Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say, Rep. Gregg Takayama, Rep. Chris Todd, Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Rep. Beth Fukumoto

Dear members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

I am Dr. Steve Wilhite, Immediate President of the Hawaii Dental Association and a dentist in private practice.

I wish to testify in opposition to HB374 HD1 Relating to Health.

First, this measure would needlessly restrict the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners from input into defining rules regarding Dental Assistants. The Board of Dental Examiners currently regulates the scope of practice for dentists and dental hygienists and intends to update the rules, making this bill both unnecessary and potentially harmful.

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 in pediatrician/physician's offices; therefore, Dental Assistants should not be prohibited from doing so in a dental office. This provision alone will increase cost 3 to 4 times on EVERY patient receiving a topical application. 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.

I oppose this legislation on the poor public policy it sets and the additional financial burden it puts on consumers in Hawaii.

Thank You,

Dr. Steve Wilhite



On behalf of the Hawaii Dental Hygienist's Association (HDHA) I would like to formally show support for HB 3085 HD1, as amended.

The HDHA believes that increasing access to oral health care is of the utmost importance but at no point should safety be compromised in that process. Untrained and unregulated individuals should not be given duties that could cause harm to their patients. Laws have been established to protect the patient but those laws are being threatened by rules proposed by the Hawaii Board of Dental examiners that are in conflict with HAR §447-3(b).

HB374 HD1 acts to solidify HAR §447-3(b). This bill will protect the public by disallowing uneducated, unlicensed and unregulated personnel from performing duties that historically, required education, testing and licensure. This bill is of utmost importance to protect the public.

Please support HB 347 HD1. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Justin Stanton, RDH, BS, EPP  
President of Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association

**LATE**



Hawaii Dental Association

To: The House Committee on Consumer Protection  
Time/Date: 2:00 p.m., February 23, 2017  
Location: Capitol Conference Room 329  
Re: **HB 374, HD1 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the committee! My name is Dr. Chris Lee and I serve as the president of the Hawaii Dental Association, a professional association comprised of nearly 1,000 member dentists. The Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) is a statewide professional membership organization representing dentists practicing in Hawaii and licensed by the State of Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners. HDA members are committed to protecting the oral health and well-being of all of the people of Hawaii, from keiki to kupuna and everyone in between.

We are writing to respectfully oppose HB 374, HD1 which restricts the work of dental assistants under the guise of “clarifying” their work. We ask that you do not advance this bill.

We recognize the legislature’s intent to ensure the health and safety of Hawaii residents. Likewise, the Hawaii Dental Association is committed to improve oral health in Hawaii. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you on key policy initiatives to accomplish those goals. In addition, and consistent with our longstanding public positions, we believe that water fluoridation would make significant contributions to improving oral health in our state. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Chris Lee, D.D.S  
President, Hawaii Dental Association



Hawaii House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
February 23, 2017  
Legislative Hearing on HB 374 HD1 Relating to Dental Assistants  
**Testimony in Support of HB 374 HD1**  
Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH  
Regulation and Practice Chairperson HDHA 2017

Dear Respected Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) supports the intent of **HB 374 HD1**. 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 the allowable and prohibited duties of a Dental Assistant.

In a dental office, dental assistants are an important part of the dental team. Each team member plays a critical role in the execution of outstanding patient care. With that being said, HDHA feels that in order to protect the safety of the public, HRS 448-3 needs to clearly delineate the allowable duties and prohibited duties of an unlicensed dental assistant as they relate to the scope of practice of licensed dental hygienists.

We feel the addition of the wording: "provided that the rules shall not infringe upon or overlap or conflict with the duties and scope of practice licensed dental hygienists under chapter 447. No person shall employ, direct, or otherwise order a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene as provided in chapter 447, unless the person who performs the services or procedures is a licensed dental hygienist under section 447-1" is a much needed addition to HRS 448-3 (b). Having this in statute would allow changes in duties for dental assistants as technology advances, without encroaching on the scope of practice of another, licensed profession.

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. At this point however, there are no educational requirements or standardized training required for dental assistants, so it is critical that their allowable and prohibited duties be clearly stated in statute.

HDHA thanks you for your time and consideration of **HB 374 HD1**. 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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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Ching DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to HB374. This bill is unnecessary, and actually could result in higher costs to the consumer/patient. The practice of dentistry is mindful of the limitations of their staff and the repercussions of using unqualified staff to perform duties that they are not qualified to perform. Adding this regulation does nothing to increase the safety of the patient, but it will increase the cost of producing the service of dentistry, and make access to care, especially the poor, more limited, for financial reasons.

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**Re: HB 374 HD1 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

**COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

Representative Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair

Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm

Place: Conference Room 329

**Dear Honorable Representative McKelvey, Chair, Representative Ichiyama, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:**

This testimony is in **strong support** of **HB 3085 HD1, as amended**.

My name is Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH. A dental hygienist since 1979, 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; was an Anesthesia Examiner for Western Regional Examining Board; have maintained membership in the American Association of Dental Boards since the mid 1980's; **attended almost every Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners (HBODE); meeting since 2007**; and twice applied for a position on the HBODE; and am now serving my seventh year on the Regulated Industries Complaints Office's (RICO) Dental Advisory Committee.

**Thank you for the thought and consideration in hearing HB374 HD1. It is important in that it has the power to resolve long standing issues of public safety and concern regarding the drafting of rules by the HBODE that conflict with §447-3(b) and would allow unlicensed personnel to perform duties that have required standardized education, testing, and a license to practice Dental Hygiene, as defined in said statute. This testimony will include history as support.**

**History:**

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 THREE years ago, in January 2014, the result of that extensive Rules Change process was implemented.**



Late 2015, through a letter from Dan Fujii, DDS, it came to the attention of HBODE that medical assistants were applying fluoride varnish on children, which HBODE ASSUMED was allowable. According to Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, the American Association of Medical Assistants' Chief Executive Officer and Legal Counsel (Questions may be directed to AAMA Executive Director, Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA, at [dbalasa@aama-ntl.org](mailto:dbalasa@aama-ntl.org) or 800/228-2262):

**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 licensed health care 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 the interpretation of previous Deputy Attorneys General (DAG), the current DAG cited the last line of HRS 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" as a loophole in the Statutes to enable the HBODE to create rules in violation of HRS 447-3(b) to achieve their goals with no regard to public safety.**

In fact, at the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Rules meeting, **the DAG encouraged the HBODE to delete the 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:**

As a result, HBODE currently has proposed a rule to allow dental assistants to apply any type of 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,...

The HBODE has proposed this allowable duty requiring **only on the job training** by a dentist, without standardized education, testing, or means of regulation. The reason (cited by Dr. Chun of the HBODE) is

to lower cost of applying fluoride and increase access, because dental assistants' hourly salary is much lower than dental hygienists' hourly salary. Fluoride costs about a dollar a dose and takes, at most, three minutes to apply. Yet, the fees for applying topical fluoride vary from \$15-30.00. Whether or not dental assistants are allowed this duty will not change the fees that dentists charge, and therefore, will not save the public money or increase access. It will only increase risk.

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. Serious known risks include toxic overdose and even anaphylactic shock. Children especially, deserve the safe application of various fluoride treatments by licensed professionals, who possess the knowledge, skill, training, and licensure, and, who understand the chemical ingredients, risks, and contraindications.**

**HB374 HD1 acts to clarify HRS §448-3(b) and serves to protect the public by disallowing the proposal or drafting any rules that would allow unlicensed personnel to perform duties that have, to date, required standardized education, testing, stringent licensure, and continuing education.** Assuring public safety, this measure would eliminate redundant, time-consuming re-visitation by the HBODE, and prevent constant threat to public safety by unregulated personnel.

**Please support HB 347 HD1.** Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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Wayne Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB374. Allowing dentists to direct their dental assistants to perform duties that are under the regulations of a registered dental hygienist or a licensed DDS. is not only unsafe to the public but makes one wonder how many procedures an unlicensed dental assistant is doing?

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Kelvin N Asahina, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose any legislation that further limits the currently approved duties of a dental assistant who has had adequate training to safely fulfill said duties.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2017  
TIME: 2:00 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 329  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

HB 374 Relating to Dental Assistants

Dear Chairs:

I **OPPOSE HB 374** because it is unnecessary. Current Rules and Regulations cover and differentiate the duties of the hygienists and dental assistants.

Many dental hygiene schools do not teach the same duties that the dental assistant receive so that there are no cross-over duties.

Although, there are many technical changes in dentistry, far more occur within the field of the dentist and the dental assistant team than in dental hygiene. Therefore, the career in dental assisting is out pacing dental hygiene which is limited to just cleaning teeth and gum tissues. 3D imaging and fabrication of crowns out of solid ceramic blocks is an example where the dental assistant play a major roll whereas the dental hygiene will never utilize this process let alone receive any training.

The Board of Dental Examiners must remain the single authority to make rules and regulations as needed regarding duties of the dental assistant and dental hygienist.

I suggest a certification process be created and implemented for dental assistants rather than limit the treatments available for patients which will reduce access to care.

Thank you



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janet ancheta	Individual	Support	No

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Gerraine Hignite	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The PUBLIC'S SAFETY is very important to me. Currently, dental assistants in Hawaii are trained on the job. The state doesn't require dental assistants to be certified or licensed. Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH) are required to graduate from an accredited dental hygiene school and be certified in local/block anesthesia to be licensed in the state of Hawaii. I am in SUPPORT of HB371-HD1.

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JANA NAKAMURA	Individual	Support	No

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Ryan A. Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a dental assistant with a BS degree in Biology. My credentials are equal or better than current dental licensed hygienists. The procedures that they are allowed to do they are NOT trained to do. Many if not all have not, cannot nor will not take impressions for the fabrication of appliances. The number of duties that I do at our office out number that which the hygienists can or willing to perform. This bill will only cause HARM TO CONSUMERS. STOP THE TURF WARS!

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Teri A Matsumura	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill would prohibit a dentist from directing his/her direct supervision Dental Assistants (DAs) from performing services and procedures that are deemed safe, do not require a college degree and are extremely benefitting to all patients. An Example is the application of topical fluoride which this law would prohibit anyone in the state from applying to patients, including MDs, DOs, RNs, and DENTISTS. Dentists should be allowed to direct their (DAs) in such an instance. This bill appears to remove the ability to make rule changes within the scope of law that allows the State's dental experts to make those necessary safe adjustments to keep current with dental advancements.

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Aaron Colby	Individual	Oppose	No

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Craig Kimura	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Support this bill as I am not in favor of giving dental assistants the duties performed by licensed dental hygienist's scope of practice. Dental assistants should be required by the state to undergo educational and licensing criteria for the safety of the public and themselves in working in a dental practice, either community or private.  
Robin Geldert Cheek

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This testimony is in support for HB 3085 HD1, as amended.

To protect our patients certain laws have been put in place to assure that only educated and regulated providers place altering and potentially hazardous agents on teeth. As a full time dental hygienist with a bachelor's degree in my field, I understand the importance of an education in order to protect my patients and even myself from causing harm. Dental assistants are a highly valued member of the dental team but until they are regulated and formally educated on functions such as the placement of fluoride, there should be continued restrictions on their duties. With the patients in mind as well as the dental assistant, HAR §447-3(b) is in place to protects everyone. Assistants should not be expected to apply a potentially dangerous agent and not be given proper education. The dental community needs to see that if we value our assistants we will raise up their profession though education and regulation, and then, but only then, added functions.

HB374 HD1 acts to clarify and solidify the law to protect not just the patient but also the dental assistant. Please support HB 347 HD1.

Thank you,

Justin Stanton, RDH, BS, EPP

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Susan Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Anne Akaka	Individual	Support	No

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Instructing a non licensed, non education dental assistant to perform any duties that are delegated to a licensed dental hygienist or a licensed dentist is a public safety issue which can & HAS resulted in personal injury and death!

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Mitchell Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

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kimberly schneider	Individual	Support	No

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Thursday, February 23, 2017

Hearing time: 2:00 P.M.

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

State Capitol Room 329

HB 374 HD1, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Committee Members,

My name is Matthew Dodson. I am submitting this testimony to request that you defer HB 374 HD1 relating to dental assistants. **I oppose this bill** which prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene.

Dental assistants greatly increase the efficiency of dentists. I am unable to deliver care without the ability to utilize dental assistants as appropriate under current laws and regulations.

Please do not pass HB 374 HD1.

Mahalo,

Matthew Dodson, DDS

HEATHER HEARON, DMD

February 23, 2017

Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Linda Ichiyama, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Hawaii State House of Representatives

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Ichiyama, and committee members,

My name is Dr. Heather Hearon and I have been practicing dentistry at Hawaii Family Dental since 2013. I am writing this testimony **in opposition of HB 374 HDI, relating to dental assistants.**

This bill limits the effective use of dental assistants to provide quality oral health care in our state. Dental assistants are an integral part of dental offices. They perform highly technical skilled work under the supervision of dentists in a wide variety of tasks in the dental office – from patient care, to administrative duties, to laboratory functions. HB 374 HDI will not assist in the advancement of improving oral health care for our state. It may also lead to increased costs of delivering the necessary dental care our community needs.

Please do not advance this measure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Hearon

To: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Location: Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Committee Members,

My name is Errol Yim and I am a member of American Dental Association, American Association of Orthodontists, and the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists. I have been in practice as an orthodontist since 1974, serving children, teens and adults on both Oahu and Hawaii Island. I appreciate the legislature's efforts to improve oral healthcare in Hawaii.

However, I am writing to respectfully **oppose HB 374 HD1**, which prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. This bill would negatively affect the contributions of dental assistants to make dental offices run more efficiently, and sets the industry back in terms of delivering quality oral health care.

Please oppose HB 374 HD1.

Thank you,

Errol Y.W. Yim, DDS, MS

Dean S. Arashiro, DDS, MS, LTD  
Practice Limited to Periodontics, Implant & Laser Surgery

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 374 HD1 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**  
**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and members of the House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee -

My name is Dr. Dean Arashiro. I am a periodontist and a member of the American Dental Association. I am writing to respectfully request that you OPPOSE HB 374 HD1 relating to dental assistants.

The duties of dental assistants are very important in the dental office. If HB 374 HD1 is passed, dental assistants would be restricted in assisting those with dental practices like myself and negatively impact the flow of services that have made us successful in delivering efficient quality dental service to our community. Consequently, this bill will negatively impact the dentists in a wide variety of tasks. Please do not pass this measure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dean Arashiro, DDS, MS, LTD

Testimony **IN OPPOSITION** to **HB 374, HD1** relating to dental assistants

Hearing date and time: Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 2:00 pm  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329

Aloha Chair Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and members of the committee,

My name is Chris Lee, and I am a pediatric dentist in Honolulu. I am writing **in opposition to HB 374 HD1** which prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene.

I believe that this bill will not ensure better quality of care for our patients and may lead to increased costs of delivering dental care that is necessary for our community.

Please do not advance this measure.

Thank you,

Chris Lee, DDS

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Thursday, February 23, 2017, 2:00 PM  
Hawaii State Capitol Room 329

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 374 HD1 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Committee Members,

My name is Michael Pampalon, and I specialize in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. My practice is focused on extractions (including wisdom teeth), implants, trauma, pathology, reconstructive surgery and outpatient anesthesia.

I am submitting this testimony in opposition of HB 374 HD1. If passed, this bill would limit the scope of work for dental assistants, who are crucial members of the dental office. I would be unable to deliver care without the ability to use dental assistants as appropriate under current laws and regulations. This bill is a step backwards in terms of delivering quality oral health care.

Please oppose this measure.

Thank you for your time,

Michael Pampalon, DMD

*Laura A. Mallery-Sayre, R.D.H., M.S.D.H.Ed.*  
*Educational Consultant*  
*P. O. Box 1285*  
*Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96745*  
*808-325-5456*

February 21, 2017

Hawaii State House of Representatives  
CPC Chairman Angus McKelvey  
CPC Vice-Chairman Linda Ichiyama  
CPC Members Henry Aquino, Ken Ito, Calvin Say, Gregg Takayama, Chris Todd, Ryan Yamane,  
Beth Fukomoto

I speak in favor of HB374, H.D. 1 relating to Dental Assistants. As a dental hygiene educator with a Master's in Dental Hygiene Education and as a dental practice manager of 45 years experience, I have previously been employed by dental schools, dental hygiene schools and dental assisting schools to train their students. I have also served The Hawaii State RICCO Dental Advisory Board (and continue to do so) for over 25 years. I believe that it is imperative to pass HB374, H.D. 1 to ensure the safety of the public that is served by the Hawaii State House of Representatives.

In the State of Hawaii, there currently exists no regulatory process for certifying or for licensing dental assistants. Most dental assistants are trained on the job by other dental assistants that were trained on the job and the majority lack any type of formal training.

In contrast, the dental hygienists that are educated at the University of Hawaii at Manoa have four years of college education to prepare them with a BS in Dental Hygiene. Strict academic guidelines are in place for these students to meet the accreditations standards established by CODA, The Commission on Dental Accreditation, which serves the public and profession by developing and implementing accreditation standards that promote and monitor the continuous quality and improvement of dental education programs. Accreditation is the ultimate source of consumer protection for prospective students. It is often a prerequisite for governmental funding. Graduation from an accredited program is almost always stipulated by state law and is an eligibility requirement for licensure and/or certification examinations. In short, accreditation of a school or program is a student's most important source of independent validation that the program has at least enough educational value to be "approved" by a credible (expertise-based), independent (free of outside influence), reliable (consistently applied standards) organization that has the U.S. Department of Education's approval. Upon graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program, dental hygiene students are required to take a National Board Exam to ensure their knowledge base as well as a Regional Board Examination to test their clinical skills before they can be licensed to practice. None of these requirements are in place for a dental assistant in Hawaii.

It is my educated opinion that no dentist should be directing a dental assistant to perform dental hygiene duties on his or her patients outside of the scope of educational requirements and Hawaii Statute as these duties are clearly outlined to protect the public from uneducated and unqualified



personnel. This Bill will ensure the protection of the dental consumer, will prevent the delegation of dental hygiene duties to unlicensed dental auxiliaries, and will further delineate the supervisory role of dentists in the State of Hawaii, thus preventing future misunderstanding of duties and scope of practice of dental hygienists and dental assistants.

I strongly urge the CPC Committee to pass HB374, H.D. 1 for the above reasons. If I can be of further service to this committee, I am available at 808-325-5456 or 808-640-9456.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Mallery-Sayre, RDH, MSDHED

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**STEVE WILHITE, DDS**  
1329 LUSITANA ST. #405  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

To: The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair and Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Date: February 23, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m

Re: **OPPOSITION TO HB 374 HD1,**  
**RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

My name is Steve Wilhite. I am the immediate past president of the Hawaii Dental Association and am currently serving as its interim executive director. I am writing to respectfully request that you **OPPOSE House Bill 374 HD1**, relating to dental assistants.

Dental assistants greatly increase the efficiency of the dentist in the delivery of quality oral health care and are valuable members of the dental care team. The duties of a dental assistant are among the most comprehensive and varied in the dental office. The dental assistant performs many tasks requiring both interpersonal and technical skills. This bill will negatively impact the ability of dentists to provide safe, appropriate and cost effective care.

I am committed to improving the oral health of our state and I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the legislature.

Sean Holliday, DDS, MS  
98-582 Nohoalii Street  
Aiea, HI 97601

The Hawaii House of Representatives  
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Chair McKelvey and Vice Chair  
Ichiyama

Hearing Date: Thursday, 2/23/17  
Hearing Time: 2:00PM  
Location: State Capitol Room 329

HB 374 HD1, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

Aloha, I appreciate the legislature's efforts to improve oral healthcare in Hawaii. However, I am writing to respectfully request that you **do not advance House Bill 374 HD1**, relating to dental assistants.

This bill limits the effective use of dental assistants to provide quality oral health care in our state. Dental Assistants perform highly technical skilled work under the supervision of dentists in a wide variety of tasks in the dental office, ranging from patient care to administrative duties to laboratory functions. This bill will not assist in the advancement of improving oral health care for our state.

Please **oppose** this bill.

Robert A. Baysa  
95-1099 Ainamakua Dr #1  
Mililani, Hawaii 96789

February 23, 2017

Hearing Time: 2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
State Capitol Room 329

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama & Committee Members,

My name is Robert Baysa and I have been in practice as a dentist for 30 years in the central area of Oahu. I am submitting this testimony in the hope that you will defer HB 374 HD1 relating to dental assistants. I am unable to deliver care without the ability to utilize dental assistants as appropriate under current laws and regulations. This bill is a step backwards in terms of delivering quality oral health care.

Warm regards,

Robert A. Baysa

Jaclyn M. L. Lum, D.D.S.  
1109 Young Street, Suite 106  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

February 23, 2017

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama

Thursday, 02-23-17 2:00PM  
State Capitol Room 329

Re: HB 374 HD1, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

My name is Jackie Lum. I've been a general dentist for 10 years, nine of them in private practice in Honolulu. My office is located at 1109 Young St. in Honolulu.

I am writing **in opposition to HB 374 HD1** which restricts the work of dental assistants. It prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. This bill states that it is important for those in the field of dentistry to be aware of and adhere to legislatively determined parameters regarding duty and scope of practice for licensed dental hygienists. I believe that this bill will not ensure greater quality of care or improve patient safety which are paramount. It may lead to increased costs of delivering care.

Please do not advance this measure.

# EDMUND A. CASSELLA, DMD

## PERIODONTAL SPECIALISTS OF HAWAII

1441 KAPIOLANI BLVD., SUITE 1506, HONOLULU, HI 96814

February 23, 2017

Re: House Bill 374 HD1, relating to dental assistants

To the Honorable Angus McKelvey and Linda Ichiyama –

I am a board-certified dental specialist and have been practicing in Hawaii for over 25 years. I employ 6 full-time staff and 2 hygienists and donate a full day of services every month to the Queen's Medical Center dental residency program. I am writing today to request that you hold, and **do not advance, House Bill 374 HD1.**

Dental assistants are an essential member of an oral health care delivery team and this bill limits their effective contributions to that team. Dental assistants are essential to achieving our state's goal of improving oral health care. Please do not advance this bill.



# Honolulu Dental Group

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Curt S. Shimizu, DDS  
1441 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 412  
Honolulu, HI 96814

February 23, 2017

**Dear Members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce:**

My name is Curt Shimizu and I am a general practice dentist in Honolulu where I have had my practice for over 30 years. I have served as a president of the Hawaii Dental Association and continue to volunteer with the organization as a way to meaningfully contribute to the improved oral health of our state. I am submitting testimony in opposition of HB 374 HD1.

This bill seeks to clarify the role of dental assistants, but it really curtails what dental assistants are allowed to do. I believe that this bill is likely to negatively impact the ability of providers to achieve the goals of improving oral health in Hawaii. I am opposed to this bill and ask that you do not pass it.

Sincerely,

Curt S. Shimizu, DDS

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**Testimony for HB 374, HD1 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

**Position: OPPOSE**

Hearing: Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 2:00 pm  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

My name is Dr. Scott Morita. I am currently the president of the Hawaii Dental Association (HDA) Young Dentist Group and chair of the community outreach program Give Kids a Smile in Hawaii. I also serve as the president of the Hawaii Orthodontic Society and am a member of the American Association of Orthodontics.

**I oppose HB 374 HD1**, which “clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants. (The bill) prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene.”

Dental assistants' roles and duties are very significant in the dental office. If HB 374 HD1 is passed, dental assistants would be restricted in assisting those with dental practices like me and my family and negatively impact the flow of services that have made us successful in delivering efficient quality dental services to our community. This bill could also restrict the expansion of dental care to the public and negatively impact the process of improving oral health in Hawaii.

With appreciation for your consideration,

Dr. Scott Morita, DDS, MS

**LATE**

SHELLIANN KAWAMOTO, D.D.S., M.S.

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February 23, 2017

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 329

Aloha Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and committee members -

My name is Shelliann Kawamoto and I am an orthodontist in Honolulu. I am a member of the Hawaii Dental Association, American Dental Association, and American Association of Orthodontists.

I am submitting testimony **opposing HB 374, HD1 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**. Dental assistants are an integral part of the dental office team, and their duties should not be restricted. This bill limits their effective contributions to the team.

I appreciate the legislature's efforts to improve the oral healthcare. However, I foresee this bill delivering a negative outcome for our patients, as well as increasing the costs of dental care.

Thank you for your time,

Shelliann Kawamoto, DDS, MS

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Chad Kawashima	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Testimony OPPOSING HB 374, HD1 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

February 23, 2017

2:00 pm

Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, Hawaii State House of Representatives

Hawaii State Capitol

Room 329

Chair Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair Linda Ichiyama, and members of the committee –

My name is Wayne Leong and I have been a member of the Hawaii County Dental Society for over 20 years, an organization in which I served as treasurer (1998-2001) and president (2003-2008). I am also a Board of Trustees member of the Hawaii Dental Association, and am a member of the American Dental Association.

I oppose HB 374, HD1 which prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. This bill would restrict the duties of dental assistants, who are an integral part of keeping and maintaining the efficiency and high standard of services in dental offices. This bill is a step backwards in terms of providing quality oral health care in Hawaii. Please oppose this bill.

Warm Regards,

Wayne S.H. Leong, DDS Family Dentistry

82 Pu'uhonu Place, Suite 201

Hilo, HI 96720

(808) 935-3552

**LATE**

Thursday, February 23, 2017  
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Hearing time: 2:00 P.M.  
State Capitol Room 329

**RE: HB 374 HD1 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Wesley Choy. I am writing today **in opposition to HB 374 HD1** which restricts the work of dental assistants. It prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. I believe that this bill may lead to increased costs of delivering necessary dental care to the community. This bill will not assist in the advancement of improving oral health care and I hope you defer this measure.

Respectfully,

Dr. Wesley Choy, DDS  
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Honolulu, HI 96817

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Testimony for CPC on Feb 23, 2017 14:00PM in Conference Room 329

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Janelle Bays	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Ko	Individual	Oppose	No

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**LATE**

From: Francis Hamada, DDS  
Date: February 23, 2017  
Time: Hearing on HB 374 at 2 p.m.  
Room: Capitol Room 329

Aloha Chair McKelvey and members of the committee!

I have received updates from the Hawaii Dental Association regarding several legislative bills and I approve testimony in **opposition** to HB 374. My name is Francis Hamada, DDS.

My office address is 98-1247 Kaahumanu Street, Suite 204, Aiea, Hawaii, 96701.

fhamadadds@hotmail.com

**LATE**

**Alan J. Ing, D.D.S.  
Lihue, HI 96766**

**Aloha Members of the House Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Committee!**

**My name is Alan Ing and I am writing to request that you please  
oppose HB 374.**

**[alaningdds@hotmail.com](mailto:alaningdds@hotmail.com)**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Thomas Atkin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a licensed dentist in hawaii for the past 9 years I oppose this bill as it would unnecessarily restrict auxiliary duties performed by trained dental assistants. Despite the rumor, urban myth, and here-say, fluoride is neither dangerous or toxic, and its use and application by dental assistants is not a danger to public health. The last thing we need in the dental profession is additional rules and regulations. If anyone in the state legislature wants additional information on this matter, please feel free to stop by my office at the princeville shopping center on Kauai, we would be glad to give free demonstrations on any one of thousands of our keiki my assistants treat with fluoride under the keiki quest program my office accepts for our low income residents who so badly need better quality oral care. The state legislature should carefully consider the advice of those who are experts in the field of dental medicine and reject this proposal.

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**LATE**

Braden C Seamons  
4066 Kulamanu St  
Honolulu HI 96816

02/23/17

2:00 p.m. Hearing before the House Consumer Protection Committee

I am writing to testify in opposition to HB 374.

This bill states:

No person shall employ, direct, or otherwise order a dental assistant or other person to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene as provided in chapter 447, unless the person who performs the services or procedures is a licensed dental hygienist under section 447-1.

The result of this provision is that dental assistants will not be able to perform functions which would greatly enhance the oral health of our state. Please oppose this bill.

[periocarehawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:periocarehawaii@yahoo.com)

**LATE**

Carla C. Fukumoto, DDS  
321 N. Kuakini St. #803  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
[wongv006@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:wongv006@hawaii.rr.com)

Date: February 23, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m. Hearing

Committee: House Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Committee

Room: State Capitol Room 329

Aloha Chair McKelvey and members of the committee:

My name is Carla C. Fukumoto, DDS. I am writing today in **STRONG** opposition to HB 374. This bill states that existing law permits duly licensed and registered dentists to employ auxiliary personnel, known as dental assistants, to assist a dentist in the dentist's practice. It acknowledges that like dental hygienists, dental assistants are a valuable part of a dental team. However, it significantly limits the activities that dental may perform and therefore it will not help Hawaii meet its oral health goals.

Please do not advance this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Candace Wada DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose HB 374.

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**LATE**

**Dr. Dayton Lum  
4628 Kolohala St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816**

February 23, 2017

2:00 p.m. Hearing

House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee

Aloha Chair McKelvey and members of the committee:

My name is Dayton Lum and I am writing in opposition to HB 374. This bill notes that existing law permits duly licensed and registered dentists to employ auxiliary personnel, known as dental assistants, to assist a dentist in the dentist's practice. It acknowledges that like dental hygienists, dental assistants are a valuable part of a dental team. However, it attempts to "clarify" the role of dental assistants in way that limits their effectiveness.

Please do not advance this bill.

**LATE**

**Dr. Lynn Fujimoto**

February 23, 2017

2:00 p.m. Hearing

House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee

Aloha Chair McKelvey and members of the committee:

My name is Lynn Fujimoto and I am writing in opposition to HB 374.

HB 374 notes that existing law permits duly licensed and registered dentists to employ auxiliary personnel, known as dental assistants, to assist a dentist in the dentist's practice. It acknowledges that like dental hygienists, dental assistants are a valuable part of a dental team. However, it seeks to clarify the role of dental assistants in way that limits their effectiveness. This bill will not advance the oral health goals of our state.

Please do not advance this bill.



**LATE**

**Leesa Miyasato DDS  
65-1230 Mamalahoa Hwy , Suite E21  
Kamuela, HI 96743**

February 23, 2017  
2:00 p.m. Hearing  
House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the  
House CPC Committee:

My name is Leesa Miyasato, DDS.

I am writing in opposition to HB 374.

This bill will not advance the oral health goals of our state. It will  
only tend to increase the cost of health care for those who can least  
afford it.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Scott Masunaga	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in OPPOSITION to HB 374.

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Amy Ogawa  
94-801 Farmington Hwy. Ste 202  
Waipahu, Hi 96797

House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee

Testimony

HB 384, HD1

Position of Testifier: OPPOSITION

The bill notes that existing law permits duly licensed and registered dentists to employ auxiliary personnel, known as dental assistants, to assist a dentist in the dentist's practice. It acknowledges that like dental hygienists, dental assistants are a valuable part of a dental team. However, it attempts to “clarify” the role of dental assistants in way that limits their effectiveness. I respectfully oppose this bill.

**LATE**

**Jill Kanemaru-Hwang , DDS  
410 Kilani ave, #221  
Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786  
[jillkanemaru@gmail.com](mailto:jillkanemaru@gmail.com)**

Testimony to the House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee

Regarding: HB 374, HD1

Position of Testifier: OPPOSITION

I am writing in opposition to HB 374, HD1. The bill notes that existing law permits duly licensed and registered dentists to employ auxiliary personnel, known as dental assistants, to assist a dentist in the dentist's practice. It acknowledges that like dental hygienists, dental assistants are a valuable part of a dental team. However, it attempts to “clarify” the role of dental assistants in way that limits their effectiveness.

I respectfully oppose this bill.

**LATE**

**Terrance Cleveland DDS  
1580 Makaloa #940  
Honolulu, HI 96814**

**February 23, 2017**

**2:00 p.m. in the the House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee**

**Capitol room 329**

**HB 374, HD1**

**Opposed.**

**I am writing in opposition to HB 374, HD1. This bill will have a negative impact on the oral health of our state.**

**I respectfully oppose this bill.**

**LATE**

Garrett T. Hayashi, DDS

1003 Bishop Street, Pauahi Tower

Suite 393

Honolulu, HI 96813

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Meeting Time/Date: February 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Bill No.: HB 374, HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants

The bill notes that existing law permits duly licensed and registered dentists to employ auxiliary personnel, known as dental assistants, to assist a dentist in the dentist's practice. It acknowledges that like dental hygienists, dental assistants are a valuable part of a dental team. However, it attempts to "clarify" the role of dental assistants in way that limits their effectiveness. Please do not advance this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr. Steve Pine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Steve Pine 79-7592 Mamalahoa Hwy. Kealahou, HI 96750 Please do not advance HB 374, HD 1.

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**LATE**

Gary Umeda, DDS

1580 Makaloa St #560, Honolulu, HI 96814

Aloha Members of the Legislature,

If you want costs to come down, then get as much help to the dentist as possible. You make it harder if you limit their abilities to just dentists and not utilizing assistants to their fullest extent.

The Bill limiting use of Diamine Silver Nitrate to just hygienists is not wise. Think about who this will affect, those in nursing homes and the elderly who are most risk. You could have an assistant do this without harm. Having a hygienist or dentist will add cost and quite frankly treatment likely probably won't happen. Note that silver diamine nitrate has been used in Japan for decades with no problems. I see costs going up and so will the suffering affecting the patients as well as the families who care for them.

My own history is that I was with Peer Review for over 10 years and chairman for the whole state at one time so I have seen the worst of it. I was Past President of the Hawaii Dental Association and want just the best quality for our patients. I have no agenda to support dentists, I support the patients in our state.

Thank you for time and efforts and Kokua.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steven A. Kumasaka DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing to oppose HB 374.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Lee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to HB 374

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ivan Chuah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Ivan Chuah Kapaa Dental Center 4347 Rice Street Suite 201 LIHUE, HI 96766 I am opposed to HB 374

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February 23, 2017  
2:00 PM  
Hearing on House Bill 374 HD1,  
Relating to Dental Assistants  
House Consumer Protection Committee  
Room 329

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am writing to **oppose** House Bill 374 HD1. This bill attempts to “clarify” the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants. This bill will negatively affect the oral health of our state because it limits the services that dental assistants can provide.

Please do not pass this bill.

**LATE**

To Whom It May Concern,

I approve testimony in opposition to HB 374.

February 23, 2017  
2:00 PM  
Hearing on House Bill 374 HD1,  
Relating to Dental Assistants  
House Consumer Protection Committee  
Room 329

I oppose, **House Bill 374 HD1**. This bill clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants. This bill will negatively affect the oral health of our state because it limits the services that dental assistants can provide.

*Please do not pass this bill.*

**Allison P. Tran-Yokota**  
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**Honolulu, HI 96814**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
KURT NISHIGUCHI DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to HB 374.

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*Dumbrique Dental Clinic*

94-366 Pupupani St #205

Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

Website: [www.dumbriquedental.com](http://www.dumbriquedental.com)

*February 23, 2017*

*2:00 PM*

*House Bill 374 HD1*

*The House Consumer Protection Committee*

*415 S. Beretania Street*

*State Capitol Room 329*

*To: Members of the committee*

I am writing in opposition to **HB 374 HD1**. This bill purports to clarify the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants. However, I am in opposition to this measure because it will limit dental assistants' ability to apply topical fluoride. Please do not pass this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Sakata	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to HB 374, HD 1. Please do not pass this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harrison Ishida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to HB 374

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**Clay Kurisaki, D.D.S.  
1286 Kalani St. Suite B-205  
Honolulu, HI 96817**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

**HB 374 HD1, relating to dental assistants**

**House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee  
415 S. Beretania Street  
State Capitol Room 329**

**Aloha, Members of the Committee!**

**I am writing to oppose HB 374 HD1. This bill would clarify the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants.**

**I am opposed to this bill due its limiting what dental assistants are allowed to do – it may negatively impact the ability of the dental assistants to positively contribute to improving the oral health of our state.**

**Do not pass this bill.**

**LATE**

Thursday, February 23, 2017  
2:00 PM  
HB 374 HD1  
House Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee  
415 S. Beretania Street  
State Capitol Room 329

To: Members of the committee

I am writing in opposition to **HB 374 HD1**.

This bill would clarify the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants. This bill will not advance oral health in our state.

Please do not pass this bill.

Dr. Victor G Romley  
License 848

**LATE**

Todd K. Haruki, DDS, MD  
1060 Young Street, Suite 312  
Honolulu, HI 96814

February 23, 2017  
2:00 PM

House Bill 374 HD1  
The House Consumer Protection Committee  
415 S. Beretania Street  
State Capitol Room 329

To: Members of the committee

I am writing in opposition to **HB 374 HD1**. This bill would clarify the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants.

I am in opposition to this measure because it will limit dental assistants' ability to apply topical fluoride. Please do not pass this bill.



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Dianna Sumnall	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Chau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition to HB 374.

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To Whom It May Concern,  
I approve testimony in opposition to HB 374.

February 23, 2017  
2:00 PM  
Hearing on House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental  
Assistants  
House Consumer Protection Committee  
Room 329

I oppose, **House Bill 374 HD1**. This bill clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants. This impact of this bill is that it will negatively affect the oral health of our state.

*Please do not pass this bill.*

Jason C. Ako, D.D.S.  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bert Sumikawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing to oppose HB 374. Please do not advance it.

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*Dr. Gary Yonemoto*

*2:00 PM, Feb. 23, 2017*

*Hearing on House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants*

*Testimony to the House Consumer Protection Committee*

*Hearing Room 329*

*Representative Angus McKelvey; Representative Ichiyama and  
Members of the Committee,*

*Please do not advance, House Bill 374 HD1. This bill “clarifies” the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants. It will result in dental assistants being prohibited from applying topical fluoride. This bill will be potentially detrimental the oral health of the people of Hawaii. I am writing to respectfully oppose this measure.*

*Please do not pass it.*

**LATE**

Kyle Chock  
212 Ululani Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

2 PM, Feb. 23, 2017

Hearing on House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants  
Testimony to the House Consumer Protection Committee  
Hearing Room 329

Representative Angus McKelvey; Representative Ichiyama and  
Members of the Committee,

Please **do not advance, House Bill 374 HD1**. This bill is intended to clarify the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants. It prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. This bill will be potentially detrimental the oral health of the people of Hawaii.

I am writing to respectfully oppose this measure.  
Please do not pass it.

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**HB374**

Submitted on: 2/22/2017

Testimony for CPC on Feb 23, 2017 14:00PM in Conference Room 329

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ken Yasuhara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the Committee -- I am writing in opposition to HB 374. Please hold this bill.

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February 23, 2017  
2:00 PM

House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants  
House Consumer Protection Committee

Room 329

Chairman Angus McKelvey and Vice-Chair Linda Ichiyama and all  
of the Members of the CPC Committee:

I am writing to respectfully request that you **do not advance, House Bill 374 HD1**. This bill purpose of the bill is to clarify the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistant. It prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. I am opposed to this measure because it will limit dental assistants' ability to apply topical fluoride among other activities. Please do not pass this bill.

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Cherie Uchida	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This bill clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants and states that it prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. This bill will not advance oral health in the state. I oppose this measure.

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February 23, 2017

2:00 PM

Hearing on House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants  
House Consumer Protection Committee  
Room 329

Hon. Angus McKelvey and Hon. Linda Ichiyama &  
Members of the committee:

Please **do not advance, House Bill 374 HD1**. This bill states that it clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice requirements for dental assistants and that it prohibits the ordering of a person without a dental hygienist license to perform services or procedures within the scope of practice of dental hygiene. This bill will not advance oral health in the state.

I am writing to respectfully oppose this measure.  
Please do not pass it.

**LATE**

**Dr. Neil Furuya  
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February 23, 2017**

Testimony in Opposition to  
House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants

Good evening Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members  
of the Consumer Protection Committee

Aloha! I am writing today regarding HB 374 which will restrict the duties of  
dental assistants. Under this bill, dental assistants will be prohibited from  
applying topical fluoride which is important to addressing our state's oral  
health needs.

Hawaii needs to increase, not restrict, the ability of dental assistants to  
provide appropriate care. I request that you please do not advance this  
bill.

The House Consumer Protection Committee

2/23/17

2:00 p.m.

Room 329

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**OPPOSITION TESTIMONY** to House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants

The Honorable Chair McKelvey,

The Honorable Vice Chair Ichiyama and

Members of the committee:

This is Dr. Clyde Uchida, I am writing to respectfully oppose **House Bill 374 HD1**. I am concerned about the potential negative impacts of this bill which will limit the ability of dental assistants to perform many essential healthcare services. Please hold this bill.

**Dr. Clyde Uchida, 971 Koa Street, Honolulu, HI 96816**



**LATE**

**Dr. Renee Uchida  
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Honolulu, HI 96816**

February 23, 2017

2:00 p.m.

House Consumer Protection Committee

Testimony in **OPPOSITION** to House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the committee:

I am writing in opposition to **House Bill 374 HD1**. Among other reasons, I oppose this bill because it will prohibit dental assistants from applying topical fluoride and performing other essential oral healthcare services.

Please do not advance this bill.

**LATE**

**Dr. Reid Koyanagi**  
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Hearing Date: 2/23/17

Committee: House Consumer Protection Committee

Testimony in **OPPOSITION** to House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants

Aloha Chair McKelvey and Vice Chair Ichiyama and members of the committee,

I am writing to respectfully oppose **House Bill 374 HD1**.

This bill will restrict dental assistants from applying topical fluoride and performing other services that are essential to improving oral healthcare in the state of Hawaii. Please do not advance this bill.

**LATE**

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February 23, 2017

Re: House Bill 374 HD1, Relating to Dental Assistants

To the Honorable Angus McKelvey and Linda Ichiyama and members of the committees,

I am writing today to request that you hold, and **do not advance, House Bill 374 HD1**. This bill will restrict dental assistants from applying topical fluoride. Dental assistants are essential members of an oral health care delivery team and this bill limits their effective contributions to that team. Dental assistants help achieve our state's goal of improving oral health care.

Please do not advance this bill.

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Dr. Frank H. Sayre, D.D.S.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: For safety and quality of care reasons these procedures should be performed by a licensed dental hygienist.

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