

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

AND

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2017

Tuesday, February 14, 2017  
8:30 a.m.

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

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,  
TO THE HONORABLE TAKASHI OHNO, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

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, Relating to Dental Assistants which 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 has not had an opportunity to review this bill. The next meeting of the Board is Monday, February 13, 2017 (the morning immediately preceding this hearing), at which time the Board will discuss and determine its position on this measure. I will be available to relay the information to the committees at this hearing and to answer any questions that the committees may have.

In a previous discussion regarding the allowable and prohibited practices requirements for dental assistants, the Board strongly opposed the proposal to prohibit

the dental assistants from infringement upon or overlapping of the duties and scope of practice of licensed dental hygienists under chapter 447, HRS.

The proposed amendments to subsection (b) on page 2, lines 20 and 21, and page 3, lines 1 through 6, would prohibit a dental assistant from performing any services that would overlap or conflict with the practice of dental hygiene. The Board would prefer the flexibility of the rulemaking process in the future to accommodate advances in technology that may benefit the public while at the same time affords it protection.

The proposed language would cement the allowable and prohibited duties of the dental assistants.

In regards to the overlap or conflict of services, we note that there are many examples of overlap of services among professions. For example, both a dentist and dental hygienist can administer intra-oral infiltration and block anesthesia injections; a physician and advanced nurse practitioner can perform some of the same services; an architect and professional engineer can perform some of the same services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 374.



Hawaii  
Dental Hygienists' Association

Hawaii House of Representatives Committees on Health and Intrastate  
Commerce

February 12, 2017

Legislative Hearing on HB 374 Relating to Dental Assistants

**Testimony in Support of HB 374**

Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH

Regulation and Practice Chairperson HDHA 2017

Dear Respected Members of the House Committees on Health and Intrastate  
Commerce:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) supports the intent of **HB 374**. 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 said, HDHA feels that clarity in HRS 448-3 needs to clearly delineate the allowable duties and prohibited duties of a dental assistant as relating to the scope of practice of 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 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.

HDHA thanks you for your time and consideration of **HB 374**. 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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Hawaii Dental Association

To: The House Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce  
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m., February 14, 2017  
Location: Capitol Conference Room 329  
Re: HB 374, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Aloha Chairs Belatti and Ohno, Vice Chairs Kobayashi and Choy and members of the committees! 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 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

# Honolulu Dental Group

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Curtis S. Shimizu, DDS  
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February 14, 2017

Dear Members of the House Health and Intrastate  
Commerce Committees:

My name is Curtis Shimizu and I am a general practice dentist in Honolulu where I have practiced for 33 years. I have served as a president of the Hawaii Dental Association and I continue to volunteer with the organization as a way to meaningfully contribute to the improved oral health of our state. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 374.

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,

Curtis S. Shimizu, DDS

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# Dr. Lili K. Horton

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Phone: (808) 550-4477**

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February 10, 2017

Hearing date: February 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. regarding HB 374

Aloha Chairs Belatti and Ohno, Vice Chairs Kobayashi and Choy:

I am an orthodontic specialist in Honolulu. My practice focus is on quality personalized service to all patients. We strive for a friendly, family-oriented atmosphere and believe that the success of any treatment has a strong relation to the time we spend time to educate all patients and their parents, emphasizing informed choice. I have served as a president of the Hawaii Dental Association which represents approximately 800 dentists across the state of Hawaii. I am writing today in opposition to House Bill 374 which I believe will negatively impact the ability of dentists to provide care to the residents of Hawaii. Please do not advance this measure. I look forward to continuing to engage in dialog with you and other elected leaders who have the best interests of our community at heart.

Sincerely,

Lili K. Horton

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Robert A. Baysa  
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Mililani, Hawaii 96789

February 14, 2017

Hearing Time: 8:30 a.m.

The House of Representatives  
Committee on Health  
Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
State Capitol Room 329

Dear Chair Belatti, Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Choy & Committee Members,

I am Robert Baysa and I have been in practice for 30 years and in the central area of Oahu. I am submitting this testimony in the hope that you will defer HB 374 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

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

The Hawaii House of Representatives  
Committee on Health, Chair Belatti and Vice-Chair Kobayashi  
Committee on Intrastate Commerce, Chair Ohno and Vice Chair Choy

Hearing Date: Tuesday, 02-14-17  
Hearing Time: 8:30AM  
Location: State Capitol Room 329

HB 374, 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, 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.



STEVE WILHITE DDS  
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To: The Honorable Della Belatti, Chair  
House Committee on Health and  
The Honorable Takashi Ohno, Chair  
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce, and  
Members of the Committees

Date: February 14, 2017

Time: 8:30 a.m

Re: OPPOSITION TO HB 374,  
RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

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

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

February 10, 2017

House Committees on Health and  
Intrastate Commerce  
Chairs Belatti and Ohno, Vice Chairs Kobayashi and Choy

Tuesday, 02-14-17 8:30AM  
State Capitol Room 329.

Re: HB 374, 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 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.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Divine Grace Boquiren	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edmund A. Cassella, DMD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE HB 374 as it will have a negative impact on patient health, safety and cost. There are some procedures that only hygienists should perform, but there are many procedures that dental assistants can perform that do not require a 2 or 4 year hygiene degree. This bill will usurp the BODE from reviewing and modifying the rules and regulations that govern our dental practice as advancements are made in material science, procedures and equipment. Although the intent was public safety, it will result in unintended consequences that will not be good for our patients or our dental delivery system. Therefore, I OPPOSE HB 374.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Lutwin, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hon. Della Belatti & Takashi Ohno, Chairs Hon. Bert Kobayashi & Isaac Choy, Vice-Chairs Members of the Committees HB 374 relating to dental assistants will limit the work of essential members of teams of oral health professionals. I am writing in opposition to this bill. Please do not pass it. With appreciation for your consideration, Michael Lutwin, DDS Kalaheo Dental Group Rainbow Plaza 2-2514 Kaumualii Hwy. Suite 204 Kalaheo, HI 96741

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley Tanaka-Mori	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Prior to becoming a hygienist we go through rigorous coursework and clinical work before obtaining our license. We also take multiple board exams before becoming a licensed health care provider. The patients put their trust in our skills and knowledge knowing that we have both a license and degree to do what we do. Allowing another person who has no professional knowledge or background to perform duties within our scope of practice is both inappropriate and unethical. No one besides the dental hygienist should be allowed to do what is defined and specified under their scope of practice.

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

Comments: I support this bill. I feel that being a dental hygienist requires more knowledge and experience. There is a reason why hygienist go through intense schooling and why we must be licensed for what we do. It would not be fair to allow an assistant to do the duties that hygienist have worked so hard to be licensed in.

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Mariah Goo	Individual	Support	No

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Marisa Lyman	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: I am a Registered Dental Hygienist licensed to practice in the State of Hawaii. Clear guidelines re: dental assistant allowed functions ensures patient safety.

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Britney Tumaneng	Individual	Support	No

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Chelsey	Individual	Support	No

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Cherrie Castillo	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Ayre	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

Committee on Health  
Rep. Belatti Chair

Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Rep. Ohno Chair

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.

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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rica a	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support

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Scott Kanamori, DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Belatti, Chair Ohno and members of the Health and Intrastate Commerce Committees of the State House of Representatives, I am a dentist in the Pukalani/Makawao area of Maui. I am writing to oppose HB 374 relating to Dental Assistants. I ask that you please defer this bill. Mahalo, Scott Kanamori, DDS

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Bryson Hue	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the dental hygiene profession.

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Brittney Anne Eshima	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hygienist had to work very hard in school to be licensed and perform the duties we're able to do. The assistants shouldn't be allowed to perform the same duties as a licensed RDH.

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Kimberly Duyan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill.

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## HB 374 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice- Chair

### COMMITTEE ON INTRASTATE COMMERCE

Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair

Rep. Issac Choy, Vice-Chair

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Time: 8:30

Place: Conference Room 329

Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB 374

My name is Sierra Spruce; a full time practicing dental hygienist for 46 years. I have worked with many dental assistants over the years and they are a vital part of the dental team. Most assistants I have worked with both in Texas and Hawaii, have been on the job trained. They are trained by other assistants in the dental office. Hawaii now has a training program for assistants at Maui Community College and graduates about 18 students a year-after completing a two semester program.

This is a great program but still most of the assistants in our state are on the job trained. They have specific duties assigned to them that are within their job description and skill level. In the past the Board of Dental Examiners has sought to expand the duties of the assistants by a mere rule change. They have tried to assign duties to the assistants which are duties provided by licensed hygienists. Hygienists have been educated, tested and licensed to perform certain duties within their scope of practice. To allow on the job trained assistants to perform these same duties is not only

demonstrating negligence by the Board in encroaching on the duties of licensed professionals already performing these duties but is a public safety issue as well.

HB 374 serves to clarify the duties of the assistants with regard to the duties already assigned to licensed hygienists.

Please lend your support to this important Bill.

Sincerely,

Sierra Spruce, RDH  
Past President, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association

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Beverly Duyan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dental assistants should not be allowed to perform duties that overlaps the scope of practice of the dental hygienists. To become a licensed dental hygienist, an individual is required to graduate from an accredited program and pass a national board and clinical exam. It does not seem right that dental hygienist have to go through such a rigorous process to be able to perform their duties, while someone else who did not go through the same process is allowed to perform the duties of a dental hygienist without the necessary training and certification.

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Diane Brucato-Thomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE: HB374 Hearing date: February 14, 2017 SUPPORT Dear Honorable Representative Belatti, Chair, Representative Kobayashi, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee, My name is Diane Brucato and I have actively practiced dental hygiene in Kona and/or Hilo for over 25 years. This testimony is in strong support of HB374, clarifying allowable duties of dental assistants shall not overlap with duties of dental hygienists, which require college education, testing, and licensure in order to provide services clearly defined in the scope of practice for dental hygienists. This bill protects the public by assuring a standardized measure of education, testing, licensure, and therefore, safety and high standard of care. Thank you for this opportunity to thank you for your concern for the public, especially the children. I apologize that I cannot be on Oahu for this hearing, however, if you would like to ask me any questions, I can be reached at (808)937-7282 or d.bt@live.com. Respectfully yours, Diane Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH

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Jade	Individual	Support	No

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Jessica Lozano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dental hygienists are licensed and educated health professionals. Please help to protect this respectable profession.

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Michele McTague	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. I was a dental assistant for 15 years before I became a licensed RDH in Hawaii and it opened my eyes to what most dental assistant don't know in the duties set forth by the dentist. For starters dental assistants are going over the boundary and doing dental hygiene job because it "seems" or appears to be simple. However they don't know why they do what they do or what damage they can potentially do as a result of their duties. For example: most dental assistant is trained on the job and taught how to do certain things but don't know the damage certain materials can do with over exposure for themselves or others. This includes and not limited to radiographs, polishing teeth, use of ultrasonic devices, etc. Furthermore RDH are required to continue their knowledge and skills by taking recommend continuing education classes while dental assistant can remain stagnant in their continued education and skills and limited to what the doctors share or expose them to. Please don't allow dental assistant take or share our duties. We maintain our professional license for a reason, think about it. Would you expose your family and friends to an office that allows their employee to give you mediocre care and still pay for the premiums fees or go to a legit office and get the professional care you deserve?? Let's crack down on illegal practice and protect our profession..

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dental assistant should not be allowed to perform duties that are under the scope of practice of licensed registered dental hygienists. They hold no degrees licenses and are often trained on the job with No formal education.

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Gerraine Hignite	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dental assistants in Hawaii are trained on the job and not registered/ licensed in the state of Hawaii.

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Chair: Rep. Belatti and Ohno Vice Chair: Rep. Kobayashi and Choy

RE: HB 374

Dear Committee:

I am writing to oppose HB 374 which restricts the duties of dental assistants under the pretense of clarifying the duties to prevent infringement upon the duties of a dental hygienist. There are two reasons that make this legislation flawed.

1. Not every dentist employs a dental hygienist. Currently, the duties of a dental assistant are well delineated by the State Dental Board. More importantly the dental assistants are under direct supervision of a Dentist which is to ensure the safety of the public we serve.
2. This bill could restrict expanding dental care to the public. This goes against what we are striving to achieve, which is to improve the oral health of all the people of Hawaii. It would be better to let the State Board of Dentistry determine what duties are acceptable since they can spend the time to vet all possible patient safety outcomes.

I urge you to defeat HB 374.

Respectively,

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