

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2532

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2799  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2799 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF LICENSED  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN A PUBLIC HEALTH SETTING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow licensed  
dental hygienists to practice under the general or direct  
supervision of any licensed dentist providing dental services in a  
public health setting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, Board of Dental Examiners, Hawaii  
Medical Service Association, Hawai'i Public Health Institute,  
Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association, Hawai'i Primary Care  
Association, Hawaii Dental Association, Lāna'i Community Health  
Center, Hawaii Dental Service, Hui No Ke Ola Pono, five  
individuals, and a petition with ninety-seven names.

Your Committee finds that oral health is a critical component  
of a person's general health and well-being. Poor oral health can  
adversely affect a person's overall health and can negatively  
impact a person's ability to eat, speak, learn, work, and  
communicate. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii residents  
have a significantly higher prevalence of tooth decay than the  
national average, while the State's children have the highest



prevalence of tooth decay in the nation. According to testimony from the Department of Health, a 2015 report issued by the Department identified key strategies to improve oral health in Hawaii, among them community-based prevention programs, screening and referral services, and restorative dental care. Your Committee additionally finds that preventative care in particular emphasizes the importance of ongoing hygiene procedures and daily practice to prevent tooth decay and other dental diseases and conditions and can result in less extensive and expensive treatment for any dental conditions that may develop.

Your Committee also finds this measure expands accessibility of preventative dental care by expanding the public health settings in which dental hygienists may provide care and broadening the services that can be performed by licensed dental hygienists in public health settings to include teeth cleanings, x-rays, and intra-oral or extra-oral photographs, while also holding the supervising licensed dentist responsible for procedures performed by the dental hygienist. This measure therefore reduces barriers to oral health care and supports and promotes expanded access to dental services for underserved and vulnerable populations in public health settings.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2799, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2799, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**CPH**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2799</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH</b>	Date: <b>2/14/18</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	—			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	—			
CHANG, Stanley	—			
ESPERO, Will				—
IHARA, Jr., Les				—
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	—			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	—			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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