

SB3010

Measure Title: RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH.

Report Title: Dental Health; Virtual Dental Home; Hawaii Medicaid Dental Program; Telehealth; Covered Procedures

Description: Supports the sustainability of the Hawaii virtual dental home pilot projects by ensuring providers who use certain telehealth procedures and apply caries arresting medications are reimbursed for doing so and clarifying that, for purposes of billing and payment, procedures performed using certain telehealth technologies are equivalent to those procedures performed in person.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH/HMS, WAM

Introducer(s): BAKER, ESPERO, INOUYE, KEITH-AGARAN, KIDANI, RUDERMAN, S. Chang, English, K. Kahele



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
and Committee on Human Services
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by

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SB 3010 – RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH

Chairs Baker and Green, Vice Chairs Tokuda and Chang, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and the Senate Committee on Human Services, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3010 relating to dental health.

This bill supports the sustainability of the Hawai'i virtual dental home pilot projects by ensuring providers who use certain telehealth procedures and apply caries arresting medications are reimbursed for doing so.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH) recognizes that increasing access to oral health services for underserved and Medicaid populations is a priority for action. Recognizing this need, the SONDH applied and received a competitive DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant, "Utilization of the Expanded Function Dental Hygienist (EFDH) to Improve Oral Health Outcomes for Children 0-5 Years of Age in Hawai'i", from 2017 to 2022. The project goal is to increase the dental workforce serving children 0-5 years of age in underserved areas by developing a post-baccalaureate EFDH certificate program for licensed dental hygienists, and to increase the bachelor's prepared student's knowledge and comfort in providing pediatric dental hygiene services to the community. However, this effort alone is not sufficient to meet state needs. Telehealth via the University of the Pacific's School of Dentistry project allows access to oral health and ensures that dental hygiene can practice in such settings.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3010.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2018 10:12:52 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/5/2018 3:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro	Hawai Dental Hygienists' Association	Support	No

Comments:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association supports SB3010. Due to an overwhelming decay rate and an access to care issue throughout the state, Teledentistry is an excellent means to reach the underserved. thank you for your consideration of this important solution.



Hawaii Dental Association

To: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
The Senate Committee on Human Services

Time/Date: 3:10p.m., February 5, 2018

Location: Capitol Conference Room 16

Re: SB 3010, Relating to Dental Health

Aloha Chair Baker, Chair Green, Vice Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Chang and members of the committees! My name is Dr. Robert Baysa and I serve as the president of the Hawaii Dental Association, a professional association comprised of approximately 950-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.

The purpose of SB 3010 is to support the sustainability of the Hawaii virtual dental home pilot projects by ensuring providers who use certain telehealth procedures and apply caries arresting medications are reimbursed for doing so and clarifying that, for purposes of billing and payment, procedures performed using certain telehealth technologies are equivalent to those procedures performed in person. HDA generally supports exploring innovations that promote access to care and we wish to be part of the conversation should this bill advance. We would like to continue to work together with legislators to ensure that adequate protections are in place for Hawaii consumers.

We appreciate the legislature's support of the dentistry profession and we look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you. Mahalo for this opportunity to comment on SB 3010.

Respectfully,
Dr. Robert Baysa, D.D.S
President, Hawaii Dental Association



February 5, 2018

To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

From: Mandy Finlay, Director of Public Policy
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **SB 3010 – Relating to Dental Health**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 16, February 5, 2018, 3:10 PM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we are writing to support SB 3010 – Relating to Dental Health.

Hawaii's children have the highest rate of tooth decay in the nation. This is particularly true for children in low-income households who reside in rural areas. These figures underscore the need to expand access to comprehensive dental care services, especially for underserved and vulnerable communities. Hawaii has made efforts to address this problem through programs such as the virtual dental home, a community-based delivery of care system that uses telehealth-connected dental teams to provide dental services and dental education in underserved communities. This measure would support the sustainability of the program to help ensure that Hawaii's keiki are receiving the dental care they need.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests your Committees to support this measure.

HCAN is committed to building a unified voice advocating for Hawaii's children by improving their safety, health, and education.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2018 10:40:08 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/5/2018 3:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Yamauchi	Hawaii Children's Action Network	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing to offer my support for SB3010, to ensure that children in rural communities have access to quality dental care. Hawaii suffers from overall poor dental health outcomes, particularly in our rural areas. This lack of access does not only drive poor general oral health, it also means that treatments will tend to be more expensive and painful when they are obtained, and may cause or exacerbate other health problems.

Access to dental health professionals is critical, particularly among children in these communities. I ask that you support this effort to expand access to dental care for our keiki.

Erica Yamauchi, Hawaii Children's Action Network (Wilhelmina Rise/Kaimuki)

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Submitted on: 2/4/2018 3:23:50 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/5/2018 3:10:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Brucato		Support	No

Comments:

This testimony is in support of SB3010 with amendment. This bill ensures sustainability of community teledentistry programs by ensuring payment for services and quality of care. To further ensure public safety, please consider amendment of Page 3, Line 1 by adding the word "licensed" to read:

(1) Ensuring "**LICENSED**" providers who...

Thank you very much for your consideration and attention to this small and important detail.

Respectfully,

Diane M. Brucato, RDH, EF, BS, FAADH