

SB381

Measure Title: RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.
Report Title: Dental Assistants; Licensing; Training
Description: Clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants.
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Package: None
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**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Friday, February 24, 2017
9:30 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, 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 Senate Bill No. 381, Relating to Dental Assistants, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants.

The Board strongly opposes this bill as it removes the dental assistants' allowable and prohibited duties from the Board's rules and places them in the dental statute. By doing this, the Board would not be able to adopt rules when practices, technology, and training change. Passage of this bill then would require legislation in the future before any changes could be made. In effect, the Board's expertise will be replaced by the Legislature in regards to the practice of dentistry.

The proposed amendments to subsection (b) 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 authority and flexibility of promulgating rules to accommodate advances in technology, training and practice that could benefit the public while at the same time affording it protection.

The Board notes that Hawaii is the only state among the 50 states and jurisdictions that does not allow a dental assistant to apply fluoride. Access to care may be delayed due to the busy schedule of the dental hygienist.

The Board believes that dental assistants can safely apply fluoride to patients. As proposed in its administrative rules, the Board would allow the dental assistant to apply fluoride in a manner recommended by the American Dental Association. As another safeguard, the Board requires that the supervising licensed dentist appropriately train or provide training to dental assistants before the dental assistants perform any activity.

Moreover, the Board is deeply concerned that the passage of this measure will have a negative effect on the dental assistant certification program at the University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College ("KCC"). The program is ready to establish fluoride training for dental assistants as the Board will be amending its administrative rules to allow dental assistants to perform that service.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition on Senate Bill No. 381.



Hawaii Dental Association

To: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., February 24, 2017
Location: Capitol Conference Room 229
Re: **SB 381, Relating to Dental Assistants**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara 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 SB 381 relating to dental assistants. It will limit dental assistants from, among other things, applying topical fluoride. We believe that the oral health needs of Hawaii's keiki are best served by allowing dental assistants to continue without this limitation.

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

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Janelle Bays	Kona Coast Dental Care	Support	No

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Sierra Spruce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT SB381 AS IT DEFINES DUTIES FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS. THESE DO BELONG IN THE STATUTES AS DO DUTIES FOR THE DENTAL HYGIENISTS. ON THE JOB TRAINED ASSISTANTS SHOULD NOT PERFORM THE DUTIES DELEGATED TO HYGIENISTS-WHO HAVE BEEN FORMALLY TRAINED AND LICENSED TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES.

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Kevin Ching DDS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to SB381. 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: SB 381 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

Hearing Date: Friday, February 24, 2017

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 229

Dear Honorable Senator Baker, Chair, Senator Nishihara, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

This testimony is in **support** of **SB 381**.

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

Thank you for SB 381. It is important in that it has the power to resolve long standing issues of public safety and concern. This testimony will include history as support.

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.**

In late 2015, through a letter from Dr. Dan Fujii, it came to the attention of HBODE that Medical Assistants were applying fluoride varnish on children. 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 Balasa, JD, MBA, at 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 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 25th, 2016, Rules meeting, **the DAG encouraged the HBODE to delete the section of HAR 16-79-69.5 after the semicolon, as shown, 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 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. A 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 the profit margin and patient 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.**

Misinformed dentists believe that SB381 threatens to remove allowable duties for Dental Assistants. However, **a side by side comparison** of the current HAR16-79-69.5 and SB 381 shows that to be completely untrue. SB 381 simply clarifies HAR 16-79-69.5(7) by spelling out "the exception of duties listed in section 16-79-69.1". It also adds **two** specific duties in order to **clarify and support 447-3b: #15 and #16**, and prevent further question.

SB 381 TAKES THE CURRENT (1/2014) LIST OF PROHIBITED DUTIES FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS (HAR 16-79-69.5), WORD FOR WORD, AND DROPS IT NEATLY INTO THE STATUTES; PREVENTING ANY FURTHER THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY BY UNREGULATED PERSONNEL, AND ELIMINATING REDUNDANT, TIME-CONSUMING RE-VISITATION BY THE BOARD.

Please do not be misled by opposition. SB 381 ensures standardized education, examination, regulation, the highest standard of care, and, most importantly, **public safety**. Please support SB 381. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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Member, Regulated Industries Complaints Office's (RICO) Dental Advisory Committee (2010-present)

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Wayne Leong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe it is necessary for unlicensed non-professionally trained dental assistants as well as licensed dentists and hygienists to be clear of the allowable duties of a dental assistant and to make sure that those duties do not infringe upon the duties of licensed dental professionals.

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Blake Matsuura	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lili Horton, DMD, MS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dear Senate Chair Baker and Committee Members, I respectfully oppose SB381, which advances the dental assistant procedures from the Administrative Rules to a Statute (HRS448). A clarification of allowable and prohibited practices for dental assistants are currently well defined in HAR 16-79. This bill will limit the Board of Dental Examiners from making rules that will allow dentists to effectively and efficiently implement the new advances in dentistry. Many dental practices do not employ dental hygienists. Therefore, this bill will potentially limit the allowable duties of dental assistants who are part of the dental team effort, thereby limiting access to care.

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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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janet ancheta	Individual	Support	No

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JANA NAKAMURA	Individual	Support	No

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Joycelyn Swan	Individual	Support	No

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Gerraine Hignite	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The PUBLIC'S SAFETY is very important to me. The state of Hawaii does not require dental assistants to have formal education/certification or be licensed. The Registered Dental Hygienists' scope of practice duties are established as a result from graduating from an accredited school and being licensed by the state. Until dental assistants are required to be certified and licensed in the state of Hawaii, duties of Dental assistants should be limited. I am in SUPPORT of SB381...

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Aaron Colby	Individual	Oppose	No

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Ammon Boyd Koaikapono Whigham	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Through personal experience I work with a staff of about 20 dental assistants for the largest non-profit organization serving the underserved/uninsured populations of Hawaii. It is my experience that dental assistants do not have the knowledge as to WHY they are performing their duties but only know HOW they are to do it as depicted by the dentist. Most dental assistants I work with do not understand the basic scientific reasoning behind the usage of fluoride, radiation for x-rays, sterilization, etc. I was surprised to find there is no certification process for dental assisting in Hawaii as most other states require some level of education to perform such duties. I highly recommend the dental board create some sort of curriculum to properly train these employees so they do not continue to practice without knowing the purpose for their duties performed.

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Diana G. Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Allowing and or instructing a non licensed, non educated dental assistant to perform any procedures that are delegated to licensed dentists or licensed dental hygienists is a danger to public health, that can & has resulted in personal injury and death.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cecile Sebastian	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dental assistants are very well-trained professionals who are perfectly capable of assisting patients in the delivery of flouride to patients.

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Chad Kawashima	Individual	Oppose	No

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kimberly schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please keep the educational standards.

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Derek H. Ichimura, D.M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Naomi hashimoto	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer R Pirie	Individual	Support	No

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DR. WYNN OKUDA

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February 24, 2017
9:30 A.M.
State Capitol Room 229

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

SB 381 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Wynn Okuda and I am writing in opposition of Senate Bill 381, relating to Dental assistants.

Senate Bill 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice and training requirements for Dental assistants, will not improve the goal of advancing oral health care in Hawaii. This bill will restrict the effective work of Dental assistants in the State of Hawaii. Please consider deferring this bill.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wynn Okuda

Wesley Choy
1744 Liliha Street, Suite 101
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Friday, February 24, 2017
9:30 A.M.
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 229

SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Aloha Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

My name is Dr. Wesley Choy. I am writing today in opposition of SB381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill restricts the effective use of dental assistants. This bill will not assist in the advancement of improving oral health care and I hope you defer this measure.

Respectfully,
Dr. Wesley Choy

William Lum, DDS
95-1099 Ainamakua Dr.
Mililani, HI 96789

House Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

SB381, Relating to Dental Assistants

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: Conference Room 229
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

My name is Dr. William Lum. I am writing to respectfully oppose SB381 which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill would limit the effective work of Hawaii dental assistants and not help in the advancement of improving oral health care in Hawaii. I ask that you do not advance this bill. I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Lum, DDS

**Wayne Leong, DDS
82 Puuhonu Pl, Ste 201
Hilo, HI 96720-2010**

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Friday, February 24, 2017

9:30 am

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

SENATE BILL 381, Relating to Dental Assistants

Dear Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you, respectfully requesting that you defer SB381. This bill seeks to clarify the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. However, this bill would limit the effective work of dental assistants and hinder the advancement of improved oral health care in Hawaii. Please consider deferring SB381.

Mahalo nui loa,

Wayne Leong, DDS

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

February 24, 2017
9:30 A.M.
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 229


SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Shelliann Kawamoto and I am submitting testimony in opposition of SB381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill will limit the effective work of our dental assistants and will not help in advancing the improvement of oral health care in Hawaii. Please consider deferring this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Shelliann Kawamoto, DDS, MS
Orthodontist
We Make People Smile :)™



Dr. Scott Morita
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Aiea, HI 96701

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
February 24, 2017
9:30 am
Hawaii State Capitol Room 229

SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Senate Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

My name is Dr. Scott Morita and I am submitting testimony in opposition of SB381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices requirements for dental assistants. This bill would restrict the effective work of dental assistants and not help in the expansion of improved dental care in Hawaii. Please consider deferring this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Dr. Scott Morita

Peter A. Lee, DMD

2428 Manoa Rd.
Honolulu, HI 96822
808-753-9094

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

SB 381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Date: February 24, 2017
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Peter Lee and I am a member of the Hawaii Dental Association. I am submitting opposition testimony, requesting that you will defer Senate Bill 381, relating to dental assistants.

Senate Bill 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice and training requirements for dental assistants, would limit the effective work of dental assistants. Please do not advance this measure.

With regards,

Peter A. Lee, DMD
Pediatric Dental Resident
NYU Lutheran Medical Center
Honolulu, Hawaii

PAUL K. TANAKA D.D.S.
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Honolulu, HI 96816

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Senate Committee of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
February 24, 2017, 9:30 am
Hawaii State Capitol Room 229

Legislative Hearing on SB 381, Relating to Dental Assistants
Testimony in Opposition of SB 381

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Paul Tanaka and I am writing to respectfully request that you defer SB 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill would limit the scope of work of dental assistants.

Please do not advance this bill.

Sincerely,

Paul Tanaka, DDS



Michael Wong, DDS
46-005 Kawa St., #301
Kaneohe, HI 96744

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF SB 381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2017
TIME: 9:30AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Michael Wong and I am writing to respectfully request that you defer Senate Bill 381, relating to dental assistants. Senate Bill 381 clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill would limit the effective use of dental assistants in our state and will not help in the advancement of oral health care in Hawaii. Please do not pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Dr. Michael Wong, DDS

MICHAEL PAMPALON
*1580 Makaloa St., 725
Honolulu, HI 96816*

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Date: February 24, 2017
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: State Capitol Room 229

SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Senate Committee Members,

My name is Michael Pampalon and I am a dentist in practice in Honolulu. I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 181, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. Dental assistants are an integral part of the dental office and SB181 would limit their scope of work. I respectfully request that you do not advance this bill.

Thank you for your time,
Dr. Michael Pampalon

PO Box 1671
Lahaina, HI 96767

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

February 24, 2017
9:30 am
State Capitol Room 229

SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Matthew Dodson. I am submitting this testimony in hopes that you will defer SB381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. SB381 would limit the effective use of our dental assistants and would hinder the improvement of oral health in Hawaii. Please defer SB181.

Mahalo,

Dr. Matthew Dodson

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Atkin	Princeville Dental LLC	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. Similar to my testimony opposing HB 374 this bill does not allow the application of topical fluoride by 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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LISA VALDERUEDA, D.M.D

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Date: February 24, 2017
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Location: Conference Room 229
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Senate Members of the Committee,

My name is Lisa Valderueda and I've been practicing dentistry for 29 years serving individuals general dental health as well as teeth whitening and cosmetic dentistry procedures.

I am writing you today in opposition of SB 381 which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. SB 381 will not assist in the advancement of oral health care in Hawaii. I ask you not to advance this measure.

Sincerely,

Lisa Valderueda, D.M.D.

Dr. Kerry Ishihara, DDS

810 Kilani Avenue

Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2017
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PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

My name is Dr. Kerry Ishihara. I am writing in opposition of SB 381. This bill clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. However, this bill will limit the scope of work of dental assistants which will have a negative effect on the oral health of the residents of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kerry Ishihara, DDS

KERI ANNE WONG, DDS
602 KAILUA ROAD, #201
KAILUA, HI 96734

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF SB 381 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

February 24, 2017
Hearing time: 9:30 A.M.
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
State Capitol Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Senate Committee Members on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

My name is Keri Wong. I am writing in opposition of SB 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice and training requirements for dental assistants. SB381 limits the effective use of dental assistants in our state and will not help in the advancement of improving oral health care in Hawaii.

Please do not advance this measure.

Thank you,

Dr. Keri Wong, DDS

HEATHER HEARON, DMD

95 Lono Avenue, Suite 210
Kahului, HI 96732

February 24, 2017
9:30 A.M.
State Capitol Room 229
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Senate Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Heather Hearon and I am writing to you in regards to Senate Bill 381, relating to dental assistants.

I am writing this testimony in opposition of SB 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill will limit the scope of work of dental assistants and will limit the effective use of dental assistants in our state.

Please do not advance this bill.

Sincerely,

Heather Hearon, DMD

Dr. Erik Wong, DDS

140 Hooohana St. Suite 300

Kahului, HI 96732

808-871-6283

February 24, 2017

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Location: State Capitol Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

SB 381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Erik Wong and I am writing to respectfully OPPOSE SB 381, relating to dental assistants.

This bill limits the effective use of dental assistants in our state. SB 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants, will not help in the advancement of improving oral health care in Hawaii.

Please do not advance this measure.

Sincerely,

Dr. Erik Wong, DDS

ERROL Y.W. YIM

4-939 Kamehameha Hwy., Ste 103
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Date: February 24, 2017
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Place: State Capitol Room 229

TESTIMONY, SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Errol Yim and I am writing to respectfully oppose SB381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill will limit the effective use of dental assistants and negatively affect the improvement of oral health care in Hawaii. Please oppose SB381.

Thank you,

Errol Y.W. Yim

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Dianna Sumnull	Individual	Support	No

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February 24, 2017
9:30 am
State Capitol Room 229

TESTIMONY FOR SB 381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Dean Sueda and I have been practicing pediatric dentistry in Honolulu since 1980. I am submitting this testimony to request that you defer SB 381, relating to dental assistants. This bill, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practice and training requirements for dental assistants, limits the effective use of dental assistants in our state.

Sincerely,

Dean Sueda, DDS

Dean Arashiro, DDS, MS, LTD
145 Ma'a Street
Kahului, HI 96732

Date: February 24, 2017
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: State Capitol Room 229

TESTIMONY ON SB381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and the Senate Committee Members on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

My name is Dean Arashiro and I am writing to respectfully request that you OPPOSE Senate Bill 381, relating to dental assistants.

The duties of the dental assistants are very important in the dental office. Senate Bill 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants, will negatively impact the dentists in a wide variety of tasks. Please do not pass this measure.

Sincerely,

Dean Arashiro, DDS, MS

Cy Tenn, DDS
1523 Kalakaua Ave. #103
Honolulu, Hawaii 96826
808-949-2576

Date: February 24, 2017
Time: 9:30am
Place: Conference Room 229
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

TESTIMONY FOR SENATE BILL 381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Cy Tenn and I am writing to respectfully request that you oppose Senate Bill 381, Relating to Dental Assistants.

Senate Bill 381, clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants, will not help in the advancement of improving oral health care in Hawaii. Please do not pass this measure.

Sincerely,

Cy Tenn, DDS

Dr. Christopher Lee, DDS
1533 Laukahi St.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96821
808-375-3533

Date: February 24, 2017
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: State Capitol Room 229

To the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

SENATE BILL 381, RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Christopher Lee and I am writing in **opposition** to SB381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill limits the effective use of dental assistants in our state.

Please do not advance this measure.

Thank you,

Dr. Christopher Lee, DDS



BEN KAWASAKI, DDS, MSD
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HONOLULU, HI 96817

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF SB 381 RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Friday, February 24, 2017
9:30am
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

My name is Dr. Ben Kawasaki and I am writing this testimony in **opposition of SB 381, relating to dental assistants.**

SB 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants, will not help in the advancement of improving oral health care in Hawaii. Please oppose this measure.

Thank you for your time,

Ben Kawasaki, DDS, MSD



DR. AURELIA BONHAM, DDS, MS

140 Hoohana Street, Suite 312
Kahului, HI 96732

Testimony **IN OPPOSITION to SB 381, Relating to Dental Assistants.**

February 24, 2017, 9:30 A.M.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
State Capitol Room 229

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Aurelia Bonham and I am writing in **opposition** to SB 381, which clarifies the allowable and prohibited practices and training requirements for dental assistants. This bill will restrict the scope of work of dental assistants.

Please do not advance this measure.

Thank you,

Dr. Aurelia Bonham, DDS, MS

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

Comments: It is imperative for the safety and quality of care for our patients that licensed dental hygienists be the ones to administer these treatments.

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Laura Mallery-Sayre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a dental hygiene educator with a Master's Degree in Dental Hygiene education, I speak in support of SB381 to ensure the protection of the public in Hawaii. The delineation of current duties for dental hygienists and dental assistants are necessary to prevent uneducated and unlicensed personnel from performing duties that they are not prepared to perform.

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