

**Testimony of the Board of Dentistry**

**Before the  
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 430**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 774, S.D. 1, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING**

Chair Ohno and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., and I am the Chairperson of the Board of Dentistry (Board). The Board has not had an opportunity to review this bill but will do so at its publicly noticed meeting on March 11, 2019. The Board will provide its position at a subsequent hearing, should the Committee pass this measure.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws; (2) prohibit a licensing authority from adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional; and (3) exempt persons working toward licensure, including, but not limited to, apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel who are under the supervision of a licensee and not otherwise required to obtain a license, except for auxiliary personnel regulated under Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 448 (Dentistry).

The Board notes that 4000+ dental assistants are currently employed by dentists as auxiliary personnel in the State, and there is no need to differentiate these professionals as set forth in S.D. 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



House Committee on Intrastate Commerce

March 11, 2019

**Testimony in Support of SB 774**

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING

Dear Respected Members of the House Committee on Intrastate Commerce:

The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association (HDHA) supports **SB 774 SD1**. We would like to congratulate you on your leadership in initiating this important discussion during this legislative session to aid in increasing public safety.

HDHA feels that this measure has the potential to create law that would protect the public's safety across professionally licensed vocations. It would place in statute that clearly delineated duties of a licensed profession should not be within the scope of practice of an unlicensed, unregulated profession. Again, we feel this is for the public's safety.

Using the example of a dental office, dental assistants are undoubtedly an important part of the dental team. Each team member plays a critical role in the execution of outstanding patient care. In the day to day work of a dental office, many duties performed by Dental Hygienists are also performed by Dental Assistants. We feel this measure would help the Hawaii Board of Dentistry, licensees, and those employing auxiliary, unlicensed team members understand that the five DEFINED duties of a licensed Dental Hygienist listed in HRS 447-3b cannot be performed by unlicensed Dental Assistants.

HRS 447-3

[ **Employment of and practice by dental hygienists. (a) Any licensed dentist, legally incorporated eleemosynary dental dispensary or infirmary, private school, welfare center, hospital, nursing home, adult day care center or assisted living facility, mental institution, nonprofit health clinic, or the State or any county, may employ licensed 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, but shall not include the performing of any repair work or the preparation thereof, or any other operation on the teeth or tissues of the mouth; provided that nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a dental hygienist from using or**



**applying topically any chemical agent which has been approved in writing by the department of health for any of the purposes set forth in part V of chapter 321, and other procedures delegated by a dentist in accordance with the rules of the board of dental examiners. In addition, a licensed dental hygienist may administer intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia and intra-oral block anesthesia under the direct supervision of a dentist after being certified by the board, and for those categories of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia and intra-oral block anesthesia for which the licensed dental hygienist has been certified through a course of study meeting the requirements of this chapter. ]**

SB774 would prohibit unlicensed dental assistants from performing ONLY these 5 duties. It would not effect the normal duties they currently perform on a daily basis such as xrays, impressions, sterilizing instruments or chair-side assisting. Their important profession would still play the SAME critical role in the dental office they currently play!

For background, during the 2017 Legislative session the Hawaii Board of Dentistry, attempted to place into the Hawaii Administrative Rules-HAR 79, that dental assistants could apply fluoride varnish. That would have been in direct conflict with the statute stating, "application of a chemical agent to coronal surfaces of teeth" is one of the 5 defined duties of a licensed dental hygienist. HDHA argued that the HBOD cannot simply add duties to the Rules that explain Statute. **SB774 SD1** would be helpful and state clearly that Hawaii Administrative Rules could not supersede or contradict the Hawaii Revised Statute by putting in writing that unlicensed professionals could not perform the duties of another profession that require licensure.

HDHA is not in opposition to expanding the scope of practice of dental assistants. We respectfully acknowledge their integral importance as part of the dental care team. That is why we are supporting another measure, HB221 Relating to the Regulation of Dental Assistants. We feel that regulation or certification of dental assistants would benefit the quality of care provided as well as, protect the public's safety. We hope that, like 37 other states across the nation, Hawaii will adopt and develop a course in standardized training of CPR, OSHA regulation, Infection Control protocol, Radiology Knowledge and Technique and Knowledge of State Laws pertaining to their profession. We



would also support the future of expanded function dental assistants, should they take and pass the Dental Assisting National Board exam.

HDHA thanks you for your time and consideration of **SB 774 SD1**. 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.

**SB-774-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 8:25:08 AM

Testimony for IAC on 3/12/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dayton Q.L.Lum	Hawaii Dental Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose SB 774,SD1. the problem with this bill is the amendments that have been applied,which changes the bill to target Dental offices that have dental assistants. This bill would prohibit a unlicensed support staff assisant to perform duties, activites, and functions, if performed by another dentistry professional (e.g.hygienest). The real problem with this bill is that it will limit dental assistants from assisting denstists in ways that are appropriate and supervised. Hawaii policy makers should promote increased access to quality care. This bill does not advance the oral health of the people of our state. Please defer this bill.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dayton Q. L. Lum, D.D.S.

2019 H.D.A President

**Oahu Dental Care**

850 Kamehameha Hwy., Ste. 155

Pearl City, HI 96782

**SB-774-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 8:38:26 AM

Testimony for IAC on 3/12/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daron Stevens	Smile World Orthodontics	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am asking you to vote against bill SB 774 SD 1 to avoid having to hire a hygienist as an assistant to do what assistants do now and are as capable to do specific tasks as well as dental hygienists. Hawaii is going backwards from the rest of mainland US and Canada with this bill. This is exactly what the dental profession in Hawaii does NOT need.

What this bill should say is that a licensed professional should be authorized to hire auxiliary personnel to perform duties that require licensure. And any licensing authority (the state dental board) shall be required to provide proper certification programs for auxiliary staff to have the opportunity to prove competency of said duties THAT ARE PERFORMED UNDER THE LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION of the licensed professional the auxiliary is employed by.

Let licensed doctors be allowed to entrust and oversee auxiliary staff to do delegatable procedures that are performed by staff that have been allowed the opportunity to prove they are competent to perform specific minor procedures through state-authorized certification modules that are above and beyond standard auxiliary certification (for things like performing a supra gingival/coronal prophy or scaling, temporary orthodontic resin removal with a high speed, splint adjusting of occlusion, temporary crown occlusion reduction and cementation, etc.) Let's focus on what is best for the general public's dental care. Denying capable auxiliary staff from becoming credentialed to perform minor, trainable, certifiable procedures and helping provide dental care is not in Hawaii's best interest.

This is what dental care needs in Hawaii to allow more affordable care to its residents by reducing the financial burden on dental offices and the subsequent increased fees for dental services to patients and insurance companies that result from licensed professionals being crippled by licensing authorities over-regulating licensed professionals' ability to govern their practices and oversee and be held responsible for their staff.

SB 774 SD 1 is progress in the WRONG direction and NOT where the rest of the world is heading. Let's get be proactive in giving the people of Hawaii the dental care they deserve.

The people of Hawaii will be best served by shutting down this bill that is lead by the hygienists of Hawaii with their own self interest in mind and replacing it with more forward thinking legislation with the PEOPLE of Hawaii's best interest at heart. Let licensed professionals decide what's best for their patient's care, not hygienists or legislators.

Sincerely,

Dr Daron Stevens, DDS. MS, Orthodontist

**SB-774-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/8/2019 3:49:38 PM

Testimony for IAC on 3/12/2019 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill because it may will curtail my dental assistants from doing the duties that they currently perform. This will cause our practice to be very chaotic resulting in a lower standard of care for our patients as well as increasing our operating costs!

Sincerely,

James Hori, DDS



**SB-774-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/9/2019 4:23:35 AM

Testimony for IAC on 3/12/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr Jason Hiramoto	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I'm opposed to SB 774 SD1.

This bill is unnecessary and will result in higher costs to the 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 to the impoverished, immigrant, uninsured more limited for financial reasons.

March 9, 2019

Representative Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Representative Dale Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates  
Representative Sam Kong  
Representative Scott Nishimoto  
Representative Gregg Takayama  
Representative Bob McDermott

Re: Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 774, SD1 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Dear Representatives,

My name is Curt Shimizu, DDS. I am a general dentist licensed to practice in Hawaii. I have been in private practice for 35 years.

The dental team consists of a dentist, a dental hygienist, a dental assistant, and a business assistant. All are involved with providing dental care to Hawaii's population. They have duties that are involving patient care in the mouth or of a clerical nature. Prohibiting a member of this team to do their job would create unnecessary problems in delivering care.

I oppose SB 774, SD1 because the language in the bill makes it difficult for dental assistants to do procedures that they presently are allowed to do, under direct supervision of a licensed dentist, and very often, alongside dental hygienists. The legislature should not be reducing their ability to assist the dental team. The Board of Dentistry oversees all dental procedures and should be allowed to interpret the rules and regulations to allow for safe dental care delivery.

Please defer SB 774 SD1. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Curt S. Shimizu, DDS  
Oahu General Dentist  
Past President, Hawaii Dental Association

**SB-774-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/10/2019 9:37:44 AM

Testimony for IAC on 3/12/2019 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Norman S. Chun	Hawaii Dental Association	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

I oppose SB774, SD1 which prevents the Board of Dentistry from adopting rules that help move the scope of dentistry forward in a safe and timely manner.

Unfortunately, this measure if passed would simply put a professional work force out of business. Dental Assistants will no longer be able to perform current allowable duties. This affects well over 3,000 jobs state wide. The only remaining work force would be dental hygienist and although dental assisting is within their scope of allowable duties, they are not well trained in these areas that the dental assistant performs on a daily basis. Their time is best utilized with the prophylaxis procedures on patients.

Dental assistants are vital to the dental profession.

**Alan Yoshida, DDS**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**

I am writing to oppose SB 774, SD 1.

This bill prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional.

Please do not advance this measure.

*Submitted electronically*  
*March 8, 2019 [alanyoshida@hotmail.com](mailto:alanyoshida@hotmail.com)*

Date: March 8, 2019  
To: Hawaii State Legislature  
From: Chris Ko, DDS

**Please submit my name in OPPOSITION TO SB 774**

SB 774, SD 1 prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It exempts other professions and only applies to dentistry. I am opposed to this bill.

Submitted 03/08/19 [alohasmilesdental01@gmail.com](mailto:alohasmilesdental01@gmail.com)



Hawaii House Intrastate Commerce Committee Hearing

OPPOSE SB 774, SD1

March 8, 2019

Aloha Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members of the committee!

My name is Dr. Robert Baysa. I am a Mililani dentist and I have served as the president of the Hawaii Dental Association. Today I am writing to request that you please defer SB 774, SD1. Mahalo for your consideration.

Dental Arts Hawaii, Robert A. Baysa, DDS  
95-1099 'Āinamakua Dr #1, Mililani, HI 96789

Hawaii State Legislature

House Intrastate Commerce Committee

Hearing Date: March 12, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Bill Number: SB 774, SD1

I am submitting my opposition to SB 774 relating to professional and vocational licensing. Please defer this bill.

Mark K. Watanabe, D.D.S.  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
DT-1923



March 8, 2019

From: Emi Eno Orikasa, D.D.S.  
Wailuku, Maui

Re: Opposition to SB 774, SD1

SB 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensure has been amended to exempt professions except dentistry. This bill does not promote oral health in the state of Hawaii. Please do not advance this bill.

Respectfully submitted/EEEno-Orikasa@hmkop.org

**Testimony of Robert Stebbins DDS  
Kapa'a Kauai**

**March 8, 2019**

**House Committee on Intrastate Commerce**

**Hearing on SB 774, SD1**

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION**

**My name is Robert Stebbins DDS and I oppose SB 774, SD 1.**

**This bill does not advance oral health in the state.**

**Please defer this bill.**

Russell J.S. Tom, DDS, FICD  
1481 S King St Ste 504, Honolulu, HI 96814

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
House Committee on  
Intrastate Commerce

Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

Dear Rep. Ohno, Rep. Kobayashi and members of the Committee:

My name is Russell J.S. Tom and I am writing in strong OPPOSITION to SB 774, SD1 which would prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee, except dentists, and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances.

Please do not advance this bill.

Russell J.S. Tom, DDS, FICD  
[www.russtomdds.com](http://www.russtomdds.com)

**LATE**

**Dr. Milton M. Murasaki  
280 Ponahawai Street  
Hilo. 96720**

To: The House Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

Re: Opposition to SB 774, SD1

I am Milton Murasaki and I oppose SB 774, SD1. This bill would prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. That is already the situation, so this bill is not needed. It unfairly targets dentistry and its implementation could have a negative impact on our ability to improve oral health in the state.

Mahalo, Milton M. Murasaki

**LATE**

<b>cknaka@aol.com</b>	Fri, Mar 8, 3:51 PM (16 hours ago)
<b><i>I am writing in OPPOSITION TO SB 774, SD1.</i></b>	
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**LATE**

Garrett Oka, DDS

Dentist - general practice

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**Kailua Kona, HI 96740**

To: The House Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
The Honorable Takashi Ohno, Chair  
The Honorable Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
And members of the Committee

Re: Testimony in **opposition** to Senate Bill 774, SD1

Please register my opposition to SB 774, relating to professional and vocational licensing. I am writing to ask that you **not** approve this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**LATE**

From:	<b>Malcom Chang, DDS</b> <malcomchang@yahoo.com>
to:	Hawaii State Legislature, The House of Representatives Committee on Intrastate Commerce Hearing on SB 774, SD1
date:	Hearing Date: Tuesday, Mar 12, 2019
subject:	<b>I oppose SB 774</b> which targets dentistry and prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances.



**LATE**

**Trevor Hartwell, DDS**

64-5191 Kinohou St, Kamuela, HI 96743

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Aloha kakou!

Please register my OPPOSITION TO SB 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensing.

Mahalo,  
Trevor Hartwell, DDS

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**LATE**

March 12, 2019 Hearing on SB 774  
Hawaii Legislators,

We are in "OPPOSITION TO SB 774".

Thank you,  
Dennis M Sagawa DDS  
Kevin M Sagawa DMD

Sent from my iPhone

**LATE**

Hearing on SB 774 Scheduled for:  
March 12, 2019

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
House Committee on  
Intrastate Commerce

Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

My name is Dr. Kristopher Devers.

I am in strong **OPPOSITION TO SB 774**....

Thank you for accepting my testimony!

**Dr. Kristopher Devers**

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96740**

**LATE**

Dino Dee [mailto:[drdinodee@gmail.com](mailto:drdinodee@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, March 08, 2019 3:53 PM

**To:** Hawaii state legislature committee on intrastate housing

**Subject:** OPPOSE Licensing SB 774

Aloha Members of the committee:

I am opposed to SB 774 which unfairly targets dentistry and could negatively impact the practice of dentistry. If the duties of dental assistants are further curtailed, this could affect dentists and dental assistants.

I urge you to oppose any efforts to pass bill SB774 SD1.

Sincerely,

Dino Dee

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Paul W. Guevara  
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March 12, 2019

**LATE**

THE HAWAII HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

Re: Opposed to SB 774

Dear Rep. Ohno, Rep. Kobayashi and members of the Committee:

I am writing in OPPOSITION to SB 774, SD1 which would prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee, and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances.

Please do not advance this bill.

Dr. Paul W. Guevara

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**LATE**

**Dr. Matt Peers  
Princeville Dental, Kauai**

**drmattpeers@gmail.com**

to:Hawaii legislature 2019

date:Mar 8, 2019, 4:13 PM

subject:Bill 77relating to professional and vocational  
licensing

I am in OPPOSITION TO SB 774....

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Dr. Matt Peers, Princeville Dental, Kauai

**LATE**

March 9, 2019

For the hearing in the House Intrastate Commerce Committee on  
March 12, 2019

Ladies and gentlemen:

I am writing in OPPOSITION TO SB 774.

John Nakagawa, DDS  
HDA Member

**[drjnakagawa@gmail.com](mailto:drjnakagawa@gmail.com)**

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

Hawaii State Legislature  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 430  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Testimony before the House Committee on  
Intrastate Commerce

Aloha Members of the Committee:

The Board of Dental Examiners already has rules to specify what services/procedures licensed or non-licensed individuals may perform in the dental office. The unintended consequence of this bill will be to negatively affect the quality of dental care in Hawaii and will likely significantly increase the cost to our patients.

I am opposed to Senate bill 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensing.

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**LATE**

March 12, 2019

Craig Fujioka, DDS

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To: House Committee on Intrastate Commerce, Members of the Committee  
From: Craig Fujioka, DDA  
Re: Senate Bill 774, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

I am writing in opposition to this bill. This bill states that it will prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It states that it exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances. However, the exemption does not pertain to dentistry. This bill is not needed and does not advance oral health in the state.



**LATE**

**Kaimana Goo-Rahtz, DMD**  
Kapaa, Kauai

March 12, 2019

House Intrastate Commerce Committee

Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair

Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair

Members of the Committee

Aloha! My name is Kaimana Goo-Rahtz and I am a dentist in Kapaa, Kauai. Hawaii has the worst third grade tooth decay in the country according to recent reports. We need to promote policies that will advance oral health in the state. Senate Bill No. 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensure does not promote access to quality health care. Please do not pass this bill.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Submitted electronically//

**LATE**

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019  
10 AM; CAPITOL ROOM 430  
HOUSE INTRASTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS EMAIL AS MY TESTIMONY IN  
OPPOSITION TO SB 774.

MAHALO,  
BRAD CHING, DDS  
Sent from my iPhone

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

Hearing 10:00 a.m.

Hawaii House Committee  
On Intrastate Commerce

Senate Bill 774, Senate Draft 1, Relating to Professional and Vocational  
Licensing

I am opposed to this bill. Please do not advance it.

Sincerely,

Melvin T. Yamada, D.D.S.  
1600 Kapiolani Blvd # 1319, Honolulu, HI 96814  
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**LATE**

12, 2019

Hearing 10:00 a.m.

Hawaii House Committee  
On Intrastate Commerce

Senate Bill 774, Senate Draft 1, Relating to Professional and Vocational  
Licensing

I am opposed to this bill. Please do not advance it.

Sincerely,

Bruce Miyashiro DDS  
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**LATE**

March 12, 2019

Hearing 10:00 a.m.

Hawaii House Committee  
On Intrastate Commerce

Senate Bill 774, Senate Draft 1, Relating to Professional and  
Vocational Licensing

I am opposed to this bill. Please do not advance it.

Sincerely,

Cedric Lewis, DMD  
Electronic submission <smilesbyced@yahoo.com>

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

Hearing 10:00 a.m.

Hawaii House Committee  
On Intrastate Commerce

Senate Bill 774, Senate Draft 1, Relating to Professional and Vocational  
Licensing

I am opposed to this bill. Please do not advance it.

Sincerely,

Alan Ing DDS  
4400 Pahee Street,  
Lihue, HI 96766

**LATE**

Electronic submission in OPPOSITION to SB 774, SD 1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing:

I approve submission of OPPOSITION testimony:

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March 10, 2019

Dr. Doug Wrobel: testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 774, SD 1,  
relating to professional and vocational licensing. I am opposed to this  
bill. Please do not advance it.



**LATE**

Candis Goto <rabbitus1959@gmail.com>

Electronic Submission

I approve of the submission of my name (Candis Goto) in opposition of bill SB 774.  
Mahalo!

Candis Goto, RDH

**LATE**

*Hearing Date: March 12, 2019*

*Time: 10:00 a.m.*

*Re: Senate Bill 774, SD1*

My name is Randall Jaurequi D.D.S. and I am submitting my testimony in opposition to SB 774. Should you have any questions regarding this matter , please contact me by email, or phone.

Majhalo ,

Randall Jaurequi, D.D.S.

Randall P. Jaurequi, DDS

**Hawaiian Island Dental, Inc.**

4370 Kukui Grove Street, Ste 211

Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Office: 808 245.8866, Fax 246-0698

**LATE**

March 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Hearing on Senate Bill 774, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

*Testimony in Opposition*

I am writing to testify in opposition to SB 774, SD 1.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Morita, DDS, MS

Honolulu office at (808) 941-3355

Aiea office at (808) 486-5505.

Scott Morita [slmorita@gmail.com](mailto:slmorita@gmail.com)

**LATE**

*Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>*

*10:00 a.m. Hearing on SB 774*

*My name is Robbie Kanuha and I am a dental assistant. I am opposed to Senate Bill 774, relating to professional and vocational licensing. This bill will negatively affect dental assistants and dentists. Please stop this bill.*

*Thank you for considering my testimony.*

*Electronically submitted by Robbie Kanuha <rlkanuha@icloud.com>*

**LATE**

Testimony of Thomas Atkin, DDS, Lihue, Kauai

Hawaii State House of Representatives

Committee on Intrastate Commerce

To: Rep. Takashi Ohno

Rep. Dale Kobayashi

Members of the Committee

Senate Bill 774 will not advance the oral health of the state. Please do not advance it. I am opposed to this bill.

Submitted on behalf of Thomas Atkin [thomasratkin@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasratkin@hotmail.com)

**LATE**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
10 a.m. Room 430  
Hearing of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee  
Re: SB 774, SD1

My name Lydia Domingo. I am an HDA member and work as a dental assistant at Aiea Pearl City Dental Care.

Senate Bill 774 would prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances. It excludes dentistry from the exemptions. Please do not advance this bill.

*Respectfully submitted:* Lydia Domingo <domingolydia61@yahoo.com>

**LATE**

**March 10, 2019 8:36 PM**

**Chris Lee <keiki\_dentist@yahoo.com>**

Please accept this testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 774. This bill unfairly targets dentistry. The original bill would have applied to all professionals, but it has been amended and now excludes dentistry from the exemptions in this bill. Please do not advance it.

Thank you. Chris Lee, DDS

**LATE**

March 10, 2019

For Hearing Date: March 12, 2019

House Intrastate Commerce Committee

Senate Bill 774, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SB 774, SD1

Aloha Chair Ohno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and members of the Committee:

SB 774 prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. This bill exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances. However, it fails to exempt individuals covered under HRS 448, dentistry.

Please vote no on this bill.

Best,

Kamille Torres, DDS

Waianae, Hawaii 96792



**LATE**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
10 a.m. Room 430  
Hearing of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee  
Re: SB 774, SD1**

Senate Bill 774 would prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances. It excludes dentistry from the exemptions. Please do not advance this bill.

***Respectfully submitted:***

Christopher Yim, DDS  
[cekmyim@gmail.com](mailto:cekmyim@gmail.com)

*Dr. Christopher Yim is a Dentist specializing in  
General Dentistry in Kaneohe, HI.*

**LATE**

Francis Hamada

9:13 AM (8  
hours ago)

I approve submission of testimony on my behalf, Francis Hamada, DDS, in opposition to Senate Bill 774. I am opposed to this bill. This bill will restrict the practice of dentistry and does not advance oral health in the state.

Francis Hamada DDS

98-1247 Kaahumanu St # 204, Aiea, HI 96701

**LATE**

**Dr. Zachary Lee**

321 N. Kuakini St. Ste. 803, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Chair Takashi Ohno

Vice-Chair Dale Kobayashi

Members of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee

Hearing on SB 774, SD1, Relating to Professional and Vocational  
Licensing

Aloha! Please do not advance SB 774. This bill would have negative  
impacts on dentistry and dentists' ability to provide oral health services in  
the state.

Mahalo!

**LATE**

Carla C. Fukumoto, DDS  
321 N Kuakini St, Honolulu, HI 96817

To the House Intrastate Commerce Committee Members:

My name is Carla Fukumoto and I am submitting testimony in opposition to SB 774. This bill is contrary to advancing and promoting oral health in the state of Hawaii.

Please do not advance this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sent from my iPhone

**LATE**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

The House Committee on Intrastate Commerce

The Hon. Takashi Ohno and the Hon. Dale Kobayashi and

Members of the Committee:

My name is Patsy Fujimoto. I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 774, SD 1.

This bill is relating to professional and vocational licensing. It is not in the best interest of promoting oral health in the state. Please defeat this measure.

Mahalo for your attention, Patsy Fujimoto.

[patsyf@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:patsyf@hawaiiintel.net)

**LATE**

**Dr. Scott Kanamori**  
**3434 Haleakala Hwy,**  
**Makawao, HI 96768**

March 10, 2019

The House Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Hearing: 10:00 a.m., March 12, 2019

Re: Opposed to SB 774, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Providing access to quality oral health care should be a top priority for Maui and across our state. I am a Maui dentist and a graduate of King Kekaulike and the University of Hawaii prior to graduating from dental school. This bill does not advance that goal. Please do not pass SB 774.

Mahalo,

Scott Kanamori, DDS

Hawaii Dental Association Board of Trustees

**LATE**

*Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
10 a.m. Room 430  
Hearing of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee  
Re: SB 774, SD1*

*Senate Bill 774 would prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances. It excludes dentistry from the exemptions.*

*Please do not advance this bill.*

*Respectfully submitted: Marc Nakamura <nakamuramarc81@gmail.com*

**LATE**

Sat, Mar 9, 7:29 PM

Marc Nakamura, DDS  
98-1256 Kaahumanu St #303  
Pearl City, HI 96782

Re: Senate Bill 774, Relating to Professional and Vocational  
Licensing

I am submitting testimony on Senate Bill 774. I oppose this bill and would like to include my name as against it.

Marc Nakamura, DDS



**LATE**

Farid Brian Shaikh <fshaikh82@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 9, 7:08 PM (22 hours ago)

My name is Dr. Farid Brian Shaikh. I graduated from The University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and completed advanced education in General Dentistry Residency through The Lutheran Medical Center at Kokua Kalihi Valley Health Center in Honolulu, and completed Endodontic Specialty training at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA. I have served as the president of the Honolulu County Dental Society.

I am writing to submit my name in opposition to SB 774. I am opposed to this bill.

**LATE**

Date: March 10, 2019
Bill No. SB 774, SD1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing
Hearing Date: March 12, 2019; 10:00 a.m.
Testimony of Bob M. Long, DDS, FASI, Lihue, Kauai
I am opposed to this measure. Please vote no on SB 774.

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

House Intrastate Commerce Committee  
Representative Takashi Ohno  
Representative Dale Kobayashi  
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates  
Representative Sam Satoru Kong  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Representative Gregg Takayama  
Representative Bob McDermott

Re: SB 774, SD 1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Aloha!

My name is Kimberly Agena and I am a registered dental hygienist. I am opposed to Senate Bill 774. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Agena, RDH

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

House Intrastate Commerce Committee  
Representative Takashi Ohno  
Representative Dale Kobayashi  
Representative Cedric Asuega Gates  
Representative Sam Satoru Kong  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Representative Gregg Takayama  
Representative Bob McDermott

Re: SB 774, SD 1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Aloha!

My name is Tracy Yoshikane, RDH and I am a registered dental hygienist. I am opposed to Senate Bill 774. I have approved the submission of my name in OPPOSITION TO SB 774.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Tracy Yoshikane, RDH

**LATE**

Sat, Mar 9,  
5:09 PM (1  
day ago)

Dr. Scott Gomez <scottgomezdds@yahoo.com>

Please submit my name in OPPOSITION TO SB 774, Dr. Scott Gomez.

I am opposed to this bill.

Sent from my iPhone

March 10, 2019

**LATE**

To: The Hon. Rep. Takashi Ohno,  
The Hon. Rep. Dale Kobayashi,  
The Hon. Rep. Cedric Gates,  
The Hon. Rep. Sam Kong,  
The Hon. Rep. Scott Nishimoto,  
The Hon. Rep. Gregg Takayama,  
The Rep. Bob McDermott

From: Lawton Wong, DDS

RE: PLEASE OPPOSE SB 774

My name is Dr. Lawton Wong. My father was the Hon. Judge Henry Wong (deceased). My parents struggled to pay for my Dental education. When I passed both the California and Hawaii Dental board in 1981, and started my Honolulu Dental practice in 1983, they were very proud. Since 1981, I have loved Dentistry and love helping Hawaii's Dental patients.

Based on my experience, and my love of Dentistry, I can honestly tell you that SB 774 is a threat to public safety and a threat to the Dental Trade. Let me explain why. SB 774 would be anti-trade employment for anyone who wanted to start a DA career. SB 774 would be anti-Dental trade because it would be harder to hire and obtain DA's. Even entry level DA's need personal training. Especially, without a Heald College, SB 774 would prevent entry level DA from getting on the job training. We need skilled DA's even entry level ones. Without their help, it puts the safety of patients at risk. There is no substitute for on the job experience.

In 1981, I was the head Dentist for Hawaii State Hospital, Dental department under the Department of Health. I also rotated to Diamond Head Hospital Dental Clinic, Lanakila Dental Clinic, Windward Dental Clinic, Armstrong Dental Clinic and other State Dental Clinics. SB 774 would have prevented DA's from doing their job and would have been a threat to our patient's health at State Dental facilities.

PLEASE OPPOSE SB 774.

Mahalo,

Lawton Wong, DDS  
Kaheka Professional Center  
1481 S. King Ste 301  
Honolulu, HI 96814

**LATE**

Tuesday, March 10, 2019

Jerold T. Kouchi, DDS

1744 Liliha St # 207

Honolulu, HI 96817

House Intrastate Commerce Committee

March 12, 2019

State Capitol Room 430

10:00 a.m. Agenda, Bill No. 774, SD 1

Dear Chairman Ohno, Vice Chairman Kobayashi and members of the committee,

My name is Jerold Kouchi and I am testifying in opposition to Senate Bill 774, SD 1, relating to professional and vocational licensing. This bill is intended to prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. This bill would exempt persons who are working toward licensure, *except not in the area of dentistry*, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances. This bill unfairly targets the profession of dentistry. It does not advance oral health in the state. I oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Jerold Kouchi, DDS

**LATE**

Sat, Mar 9,  
3:28 PM (1  
day ago)

Kelly Manzano <kellyum92@gmail.com>

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am a dental hygienist. I approve the submission of my name in  
OPPOSITION TO SB 774. I opposed SB 774.

Thank you, Kelly Manzano



**LATE**

Sat, Mar 9,  
3:01 PM (1  
day ago)

Peter Lee <peter.lee.20@gmail.com>

Dr. Peter Lee, Hawaii Family Dental

I am submitting my opposition to SB 774, SD 1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Thank you for considering my testimony, Peter Lee

**LATE**

**Testimony in Opposition to SB 774, SD1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing  
Submitted by:**

Wayne S H Leong, DDS	Hilo, HI 96720
James M. Sagawa, DMD	Lanai City, HI 96763
Dr. J S. DeMeo	Kihei, HI 96753
Tammy Bexton, DMD	Makawao, HI 96768
Dr Jason Hiramoto	Kokua Kalihi Valley Clinic
Anthony Poon DMD	Honolulu, Hawaii
William Lum, DDS	Mililani, HI 96789
Dr. Sean Holliday	Pearl City, HI 96782
Kyle Chock, DMD	Hilo, HI 96720
Bonnie S. L. Lau, DDS	Honolulu, HI 96814
Mark Koizumi, DDS	Hilo, HI 96720
Harvey Chong Jr, DDS	Hilo, HI 96720
Tina Mukai, DDS	Waipahu, HI 96797
Jared Cheng, DMD	Honolulu, HI 96814
Lynn Fujimoto, DDS	Pearl City, HI 96782
Peter Fay DMD	Kahului, HI 96732
Yongsok Do, DMD	Ewa Beach, HI 96706
Sheena Chavda, DMD	Aiea, HI 96701
Kerry Ishihara, DDS	Wahiawa, HI 96786
Dr. Kwang Myung Simon Lee	Honolulu, Hawaii
Dr. John Gawlik	West Hawaii
Andrea S. Braun, DDS	Honolulu, HI 96826.
RICHARD TAMARU, DDS	Honolulu, HI 96814

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

To: House Intrastate Commerce Committee  
From: Dr. Russell P. Fitton

RE: SB774 SD1

Aloha –

I'm writing to oppose SB774 SD1, which relates to professional and vocational licensing. The measure is unnecessary and unfairly targets dentists.

Mahalo for your consideration. Please do not move this bill forward.

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

To the Committee on Intrastate Commerce:

We appreciate the opportunity to express our opposition to SB774.

Thank you,

Dr. Arthur Kamisugi & Dr. Malia Kamisugi

**LATE**

To Hawaii Legislators:

I am asking you to vote against state bill SB 774 SD 1 to avoid having to hire a hygienist as an assistant to do what assistants do now. Hawaii is going backwards from the rest of mainland US and Canada. This is exactly what the dental profession does NOT need. Please oppose SB 774 SD 1.

Dr. Daron Stevens  
[chocolatebananamalt@gmail.com](mailto:chocolatebananamalt@gmail.com)

**LATE**

from:	<b>Hannah Lewis DDS - dr.hannah.lewis@gmail.com</b>
to:	<b>Hawaii State House Committee on Intrastate Commerce Chair Takashi Ohno and Vice-Chair Dale Kobayashi and Members of the Intrastate Commerce Committee</b>
date:	<b>Mar 9, 2019, 12:45 PM</b>
subject:	<b>I AM OPPOSED TO SB 774.</b>

**LATE**

March 12, 2019  
Capitol Room 430

Dear Chair Takashi Ohno and Committee:

Please oppose SB774.

Thank you,

Dr. Wade Nobuhara  
Dr. Cecile Sebastian

**LATE**

Jo Ann A. Chang, DDS  
1150 South King St, Ste. 505  
Honolulu, HI 96814

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Aloha -

I would like to express my OPPOSITION TO SB 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensing.

Mahalo,  
Dr. Jo Ann Chang



**LATE**

March 2019

To: The House Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

Re: Opposition to SB 774, SD1

I am Mark Beavers and I oppose SB 774, SD1. This bill would prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional.

Mahalo,

Mark Beavers  
[beaversdds@aol.com](mailto:beaversdds@aol.com)

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

To: House Committee on Intrastate Commerce

From: Randal Morita, D.D.S. - [randalmorita@gmail.com](mailto:randalmorita@gmail.com)

I'm writing in opposition to SB774, which relates to professional and vocational licensing. This bill is not needed and it unfairly targets dentistry and its implementation could have a negative impact on our ability to improve oral health in the state.

**LATE**

From:	Dr. Philip D. Park - <a href="mailto:drphilipdpark@gmail.com">drphilipdpark@gmail.com</a>
to:	Hawaii State Legislature, The House of Representatives Committee on Intrastate Commerce Hearing on SB 774, SD1
date:	Hearing Date: Tuesday, Mar 12, 2019
subject:	<b>I oppose SB 774</b> which targets dentistry and prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. I question how this bill would even be applied. Please do not advance this measure.

**LATE**

Hearing on SB 774 Scheduled for:  
March 12, 2019

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
House Committee on  
Intrastate Commerce

Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

My name is Dr. Judy Quengua-Bondocoy:

I am in strong **OPPOSITION TO SB 774.**

Thank you for accepting my testimony!

Judy Quengua-Bondocoy, D.M.D.  
Gentle Touch Dental Care  
808-680-7800

**LATE**

from:	Dean Obayashi DDS - <a href="mailto:obayashid003@hawaii.rr.com">obayashid003@hawaii.rr.com</a>
to:	<b>Hawaii State House Committee on Intrastate Commerce Chair Takashi Ohno and Vice-Chair Dale Kobayashi and Members of the Intrastate Commerce Committee</b>
date:	<b>Mar 9, 2019, 12:45 PM</b>
subject:	<b>PLEASE OPPOSE SB 774.</b>

**LATE**

Michael L. Nishime DDS

1401 S. Beretania St., Suite 470  
Honolulu, HI 96814

Ph: 808-732-0291  
FAX: 808-732-4092

To: The House Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
The Honorable Takashi Ohno, Chair  
The Honorable Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair

Re: Testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 774, SD1

Please register my opposition to SB 774, relating to professional and vocational licensing. I am writing to ask that you not approve this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

House Committee on Intrastate Commerce

RE: SB774 SD1

Chair and Committee Members:

My name is Scott Hiramoto. I am opposed to SB774 SD1 because it does not make the dental industry better for practitioners or patients.

Thanks,

Dr. Scott Hiramoto

[hiramoto.scott@gmail.com](mailto:hiramoto.scott@gmail.com)

**LATE**

Chair Takashi Ohno

Vice-Chair Dale Kobayashi

Aloha House Intrastate Committee Members –

Please oppose SB774. It doesn't solve any problems and it unfairly singles out dentists.

Mahalo –

Dr. Wilfred Miyasaki



**LATE**

March 12, 2019

In Opposition to SB774 SD1

To the House Intrastate Commerce Committee Members:

My name is Dr. Keith Morikawa and I'm a practicing dentist in Aina Haina. I oppose SB774 SD1 and ask that you do not let vote to allow this legislation pass.

Thank you.

**LATE**

from:	Dr. Ericson Ng – 1741 Nu`uanu Avenue
to:	<b>State House Committee on Intrastate Commerce Chair Takashi Ohno and Vice-Chair Dale Kobayashi Members of the Intrastate Commerce Committee</b>
date:	<b>Mar 9, 2019, 9:44 AM</b>
subject:	<b>PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT SB 774 SD1.</b>

**LATE**

March 12, 2019  
Capitol Room 430

Dear Chair Takashi Ohno and Committee:

Please oppose SB774 SD1. We must support the dentistry profession and this bill does not accomplish that.

Thank you,

**Won Chaekal**

**wonchaekal@gmail.com**

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

In Opposition to SB774 SD1

To the House Intrastate Commerce Committee Members:

My name is Dr. Howard Shimokawa. I'm a Maui dentist and I oppose SB774 SD1. Please do not pass this bill

Thank you.

**LATE**

Hearing on SB 774 SD1  
March 12, 2019

Rep. Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Rep. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

For the record I am in strong **OPPOSITION**

**TO SB 774 SD1.**

**Scott S. Masunaga, D.D.S**  
**orthodonticarts@hawaii.rr.com**

**LATE**

**Dr. Kathleen Oliver**

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To Chair Ohno and Members of the Committee:

Please register my OPPOSITION TO SB 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensing.

Kate Oliver

[Kate.Oliver24@hotmail.com](mailto:Kate.Oliver24@hotmail.com)

**LATE**

from:	<b>William Lee - <a href="mailto:wjlee@me.com">wjlee@me.com</a></b>
to:	<b>State House Committee on Intrastate Commerce Chair Takashi Ohno and Vice-Chair Dale Kobayashi Members of the Intrastate Commerce Committee</b>
date:	<b>Mar 9, 2019 7:12 AM</b>
subject:	<b>PLEASE DO NOT SUPPORT SB 774 SD1.</b>

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

In Opposition to SB774 SD1

To Chair Ohno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi, and Members of the  
Intrastate Committee:

My name is Dr. Heather Cantori and I'm a dentist in Hilo.  
Please oppose SB774 SD1.

Thank you.



**LATE**

**March 12, 2019**

**Hearing of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee**

**I am writing in strong opposition to SB774 SD1.**

**This bill prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. The result would be that dental assistants would not be able to do their most basic work. This would severely limit the ability of dentists to do their work and limit the dental industry as a whole.**

**Please do not advance SB774.**

**Dr. Michael Dang**

**LATE**

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am Neal Tamura, DDS and I am in opposition of SB774.

The text of SB774 is so broad that it encompasses the most basic job requirements of a dental assistant and prohibits them from doing it. Passing this bill would be devastating on the dental industry which relies heavily on our very capable assistants.

Please do not pass SB 774.

Mahalo

Radford Goto, DMD

**LATE**

Aloha members of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee,

I am a certified pediatric dentist and a member of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and the Hawaii Dental Association.

I am writing in opposition to SB 774 SD1.

Mahalo

**LATE**

Dr. David Sumikawa, DDS, MS

Dear Chair and members of the committee;

I am writing in opposition to SB 774 SD1.

Auxiliary personnel are absolutely required in the dental industry. Senate Bill 774, Senate Draft 1 seeks to strip these personnel of the ability to do their jobs.

Please reconsider and vote no on SB774.

With Aloha,

Dr. Sumikawa

Catherine Vargas, DDS

**LATE**

Aloha members,

I am writing in strong opposition to SB774 SD1.

This bill prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to allow unlicensed personnel from doing any work that a licensed professional can do. The result of this bill is that dental assistants would not be able to do their most basic work in assisting dentists.

Please do not allow this unintended consequence.

I respectfully request that you defer SB774 indefinitely.

Respectfully,

Dr. Vargas

**LATE**

**March 10, 2019**

**Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to testify.**

**I am opposed to Senate Bill 774, SD1.**

**The text of this bill is so broad that it encompasses the most basic job requirements of a dental assistant and prohibits them from doing it. Passing this bill would be devastating on the deliver of oral health services which relies on our assistants.**

**Please do not pass SB 774.**

**Mahalo**

**Stephen Fujinaka, DMD**

**LATE**

*Paul M Bellanca DDS*

*HI 0853*

*I am writing in opposition to SB 774 SD1.*

*Auxiliary personnel are absolutely required in the dental industry.*

*SB774 seeks to strip these personnel of the ability to do their jobs.*

*Please reconsider and vote no on SB774.*

**LATE**

*Tuesday, March 12, 2019*

*House Intrastate Commerce Committee*

*Hearing on SB 774, SD1, Relating to Vocational and Professional Licensure*

*Aloha Chair Ohno and members of the committee!*

*My name is Steven A. Kumasaka, DDS.*

*I am writing in opposition to SB774 SD1. Please do not advance this bill.*

*Mahalo*



**LATE**

March 8, 2019

House Intrastate Commerce Committee

Re: Senate Bill 774, SD 1, Relating to Professional and Vocation Licensure

Aloha Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members of the committee,

As part of a family-owned practice in pediatric dentistry, I take pride in providing excellent dental care for children as well as creating a fun, comfortable and child-friendly environment to put every child at ease. I required auxiliary personnel to accomplish my work and create a keiki friendly environment. SB 774 SD1 would strip assistants from their ability to do their work. Honolulu Keiki Dental has been providing services for over 25 years.

Please support us and our keiki by opposing SB774.

Mahalo,

Dr. Stacie Sueda, D.D.S.

**LATE**

***Aloha!***

***I am in opposition to SB 744 SD1.***

***Please do not advance this bill.***

***Mahalo***

***Kevin Ching DDS***

**LATE**

Hawaii State Legislature  
House Intrastate Commerce Committee

Aloha Members of the Committee,

I am in OPPOSITION TO SB 774.

Mahalo,  
Janet Mariano, RDH

**LATE**

Kent Sato, DMD  
848 South Beretania St.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear members of the committee;

I am writing in opposition to SB774.

I have concerns about the scope of this bill and the negative affect it will have on my practice.

Please do not advance SB744.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Sato

**LATE**

Dr Jeremy Hannon DMD  
Oahu oral and maxillofacial surgery  
45-1144 Kamehameha Hwy #301  
Kaneohe, HI 96744

Dear members of the committee,

I am writing in opposition to SB 774, SD1.

This bill is very concerning to those of us in the dental industry because it could have very negative consequences for us and our staff.

Please oppose SB 774.

Thank you,  
Jeremy Hanon

*I am in opposition to SB774.*  
*Michelle Chung DMD*

**LATE**

**LATE**

Dr. Glenn M Okihiro, DDS

Dear members of the committee;

I am writing in opposition to SB 774 SD1.

I am concerned with the broad scope of this bill that my auxiliary personnel will be impacted and unable to do their jobs.

Please reconsider and vote no on SB774.

Mahalo,

Glenn Okihiro

**LATE**

The Honorable Takashi Ohno and  
Members of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee  
March 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m.  
Hearing on Senate Bill 774, SD1

I am Dr. Alison Kawazoe, DMD, I am writing in opposition of SB774.



**LATE**

I am an oral surgeon in Honolulu. I am concerned about SB774 and its impact on my profession.

I urge you to oppose SB 774.

George Wessberg, DDS

DT-1039

**LATE**

March 8, 2019

Members of the Hawaii State  
Legislature Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Re: SB 774, SD1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensure

Aloha committee members,

I am respectfully in opposition to SB 774 SD1. I think this bill will have significant negative unintended consequences. I ask that you please reconsider this bill.

Mahalo

Michelle Kobayashi, DDS, MSD

**LATE**

Date: 3/12/19

Position: Oppose

Bill No.: SB 774, SD1

Dear Chair Ohno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and members of the Committee:

I am in opposition to SB774.

Duane T. Fujii, DDS @ Hawaii Prosthodontics, LLC

**LATE**

Dr. John K Morioka, DDS  
850 W Hind Dr #206  
Honolulu, HI 96821

Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Committee on Intrastate Commerce

March 8, 2019

Dear Chair and members of the committee;

I am writing in opposition to SB 774 SD1.

Auxiliary personnel are absolutely required in the dental industry. SB774 seeks to strip these personnel of the ability to do their jobs.

Please reconsider and vote no on SB774.

Sincerely,

John Morioka

**LATE**

Aloha,

*I am in OPPOSITION TO SB 774.*

Mahalo.

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**LATE**

March 8, 2019

Members of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee:

SB 774, SDI prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It exempts persons – except that it does not exempt those working toward licensing under dentistry laws -- who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances.

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB744, SDI.

Hanna Dow, RDH

*Aloha members of the Legislative Intrastate Commerce Committee:*

*I stand with the Hawaii Dental Association and am writing in opposition to SB774.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jeffrey Kagihara DDS*

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

Edmund A Cassella DMD LLC

1441 Kapiolani Blvd #1506

Honolulu, HI 96814

Dear members of the committee,

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB774.

This bill is not helpful to our community or to the effective practice of dentistry.

Please do not support SB774.

Respectfully,

Dr. Cassella



**LATE**

Fri, Mar 8, 9:25  
AM (1 day ago)

**Amy Choy, DDS**  
**Mililani, HI 96789**  
**amychoydds@gmail.com**

*Members of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee:*

*I have approved submission of my testimony in OPPOSITION TO SB 774, SD1*

*Thank you,*

*Amy Choy DDS*

**LATE**

Testimony in Opposition to  
Senate Bill 774, Senate Draft 1

From: Dr. Celia Dumbrique  
Waipahu, Hawaii 96797

To the members of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee:

Please oppose SB 774, relating to professional and vocational licensing.  
This bill is bad policy. It singles out dentistry in a way that other  
professions objected to. Please defeat this bill.

Respectfully submitted, March 8, 2019 10:00 a.m.

**LATE**

**Brian Vongchanphen <drbvong@gmail.com>**

I am in OPPOSITION TO SB 774!

Electronically  
submitted on Friday  
Mar 8, 9:32 AM

Brian Vongchanphen D.D.S.

Wahiawa, HI 96786

**LATE**

**Keith K. Yamakawa DDS  
1166 Kinoole St.  
Hilo, HI 96720**

I am writing to respectfully ask that you **OPPOSE SB 774.**

This bill prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. The unintended result of this bill would be that dental assistants may be prohibited from doing their most basic work.

Please do not advance SB774.

Thank you,

Keith K. Yamakawa DDS

**LATE**

**Craig Nunokawa**

**Submitted electronically from: [cnunokawa@hotmail.com](mailto:cnunokawa@hotmail.com)**

**Hearing Date:  
March 12, 2019**

**Committee:  
House Intrastate Commerce Committee**

**I am opposed to passage of Senate Bill 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensing. Please do not pass this bill.**

**Craig Nunokawa, DDS  
Wailuku, HI 96793**

**LATE**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

**Erik K. Wong, DMD  
Maui Prosthodontics  
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii**

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I am writing to express my **OPPOSITION TO SB 774** which is scheduled for hearing by the Hawaii State Legislature, House Committee on Intrastate Commerce, chaired by Rep. Takashi Ohno and Rep. Dale Kobabashi. Please do not advance this bill.

Respectfully,

Erik Wong, DMD

**LATE**

**Steve Wilhite, DDS**

**1329 Lusitana St #405, Honolulu, HI 96813**

To the members of the House

Intrastate Commerce Committee:

Senate Bill 774, Senate Draft 1, prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It unfairly targets dentistry and no other profession.

Please do not advance this measure.

**Mahalo,**

**Steve Wilhite**

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Fri, Mar 8, 9:40 AM

**LATE**

Keri Wong [kjwongdds@gmail.com](mailto:kjwongdds@gmail.com)

Honolulu, HI 96814

*I am writing to submit my OPPOSITION TO SB 774. This bill does not advance the oral health of our state. Please do not advance this measure.*

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**LATE**

March 9, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am in OPPOSITION TO SB 774. This bill would prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. State law already prohibits rules that supersede law and duties required to be licensed are already provided in law. This bill creates additional confusion and does not advance oral health in the state.

Thank you,

Blake Matsuura

Blake Matsuura <blake.matsuura.dds@gmail.com>

**LATE**

**Testimony of**

**Clay Hiramoto <hclay1949@gmail.com>**

I oppose this bill because it raises the cost of office overhead with more employee paperwork with verification of certification. Some of the trained dental assistants in the past were not knowledgeable about dental reception work—only chairside.

Sincerely,

Clay R. Hiramoto, DDS

**Kauai County Dental Society, member**

**LATE**

**WESLEY CHOY, DDS  
1744 LILIHA ST # 101, HONOLULU, HI 96817**

Attention: Members of the House Intrastate Commerce Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in opposition to SB 774, SD1. This bill will adversely impact auxiliary personnel related to the practice of dentistry. This bill exempts all of the professional and vocational licenses except dentistry. As written, this bill would essentially halt training of dental assistants.

Please do not advance this bill.

Sincerely, Wesley J.J. Choy DDS

**LATE**

Testimony of Bert Sumikawa, DDS

Honolulu, Hawaii

Before the Senate Committee on Intrastate Commerce

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

10:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 430

On the following measure:

**S.B. 774, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING**

The purposes of this bill are to prohibit a licensing authority from: (1) using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws; and (2) adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs opposed an earlier version of this bill and it has now been amended to apply *only* to dentistry. The same objections still apply as to *dentistry*. If this bill becomes law, it will exclude trainees from learning the trade or profession to qualify for licensure because they would be prohibited from performing activities that would ultimately lead to licensure.

*Respectfully submitted:* Bert Sumikawa <bert@sumidds.com>

**LATE**

**Testimony of Michael Matsushima DDS  
1580 Makaloa St # 717, Honolulu, HI 96814**

Electronic submission via mats@mail2golfer.com

My name is Michael Matsushima and I am opposed to Senate Bill 774, SD on the basis that it will not advance oral health in Hawaii, is unnecessary and may lead to unintended consequences of limiting or hindering dental assistants.

Michael M Matsushima II DDS

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

**Dr. Shelly Kawamoto**

**I am writing in OPPOSITION TO SB 774.**

Thank you!

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**LATE**

Declan Devereux, DDS

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**HOUSE INTRASTATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

Aloha!

My name is Declan Devereux and I am writing to ask you to defer Senate Bill 774, Senate Draft 1. This bill does not advance the oral Health of Hawaii residents. I am opposed to this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo!

**LATE**

March 12, 2019

To: House Intrastate Commerce Committee  
The Hon. Takashi Ohno, Chair  
The Hon. Dale Kobayashi, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

This testimony is in opposition to Senate Bill 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensing - this bill has had all other professions exempted except for dentistry (Chapter 448). This bill unfairly targets dentistry. Please oppose this measure.

Prepared and submitted:

David Lum, DDS <davidlumdds@gmail.com



**LATE**

March 12, 2019

Paul Bonham DDS MS                      Kahului, Maui  
Hawaii Dental License # DT2304

I am writing in opposition to SB 774, SD1, relating to professional and vocational licensing. This bill will not promote oral health in Hawaii.

The legislature is already considering a bill to regulate dental assistants (HB 221). Please do not advance SB 774.

**DDS <[michael.lutwin.dds@gmail.com](mailto:michael.lutwin.dds@gmail.com)>**

SB will KILL ACCESS TO CARE, if dental offices cannot delegate duties to assistants under a dentists direct supervision. Also- very difficult for neighbor islands to find licensed hygienists... again, if the law limits what assistants can do under supervision, its deadly for access to care.. That may be an argument you want to present.  
Thanks and Go get'um! :)

**Michael Lutwin, DDS**

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**LATE**

March 12, 2019

We are in opposition to Senate Bill 774, SD1 and have approved the submission of our names to oppose this bill.

Respectfully submitted:

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3. Dr. Khealynn Harris	Hilo, Hawaii 96720	Hawaii
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**LATE**

# Petition to Submit Testimony in Support of SB774

<p><b>Petition summary and background:</b></p>	<p>As Registered Dental Hygienists in the state of Hawaii and students at the University of Hawaii Manoa Dental Hygiene Program, we feel it is of utmost importance that unlicensed, unregulated individuals, such as dental auxiliary personnel, do not infringe upon a particular licensed profession's scope of practice.</p> <p>Dental auxiliary personnel are considered a valuable part of a team. However, a majority are not licensed or certified in the state of Hawaii or required to meet the same stringent standards of training and care as licensed individuals in certain professions or vocations.</p> <p>It is inappropriate for unlicensed, unregulated dental auxiliary personnel to be expected or required to perform duties that are currently being performed by other licensed professionals.</p>
<p><b>Action petitioned for:</b></p>	<p>We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT SB774. In the best interest of the public's safety, this bill will prohibit a licensing authority from adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed, unregulated individual to perform duties that may overlap or conflict with the duties and scope of any licensed profession or vocation.</p>

Printed name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
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## Hawaii Dental Association

**LATE**

To: The House Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Time/Date: March 12, 2019; 10:00 AM  
Location: Capitol Conference Room 430  
Re: SB 774 SD1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

Aloha Chair Ohno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Dental Association (HDA), a professional association comprised of approximately 950-member dentists, opposes SB 774 SD1. HDA is a statewide membership organization representing dentists practicing in Hawaii and licensed by the State of Hawaii's Board of Dentistry. HDA members are committed to protecting the oral health and well-being of the people of Hawaii, from keiki to kupuna and everyone in between.

SB 774 SD1 prohibits a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional. It also exempts persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances. However, it excludes dentistry from those exemptions. This bill has the potential to significantly undermine dentists' to serve the state's oral health needs. We respectfully request that this bill be deferred.

The results of a 2015 report confirmed that Hawaii's children have the highest prevalence of tooth decay in the United States. The results also demonstrate that the burden of oral disease is significantly greater in certain segments of the population. For example, tooth decay is disproportionately experienced by low-income children, defined as those who are eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). About 31% of children eligible for NSLP have untreated tooth decay compared to 13% for those not eligible. The disparities gap is even more pronounced when looking at urgent dental needs due to pain and/or infection. The need for urgent dental care is more than five times higher in low-income children compared to their higher-income peers (13% vs. 2% respectively). Legislation aimed at curtailing the appropriate supervised integration of dental assistants in the dental team may negatively affect the cost effective delivery of oral health services so badly needed in the state. Should legislators wish to address regulation of dental assistants, we would encourage them to support a measure passed by the House, House Bill 221. That bill was a result of the state Legislative Auditor's report which encouraged a tiered regulatory approach.

Please do not advance SB 774, SD1. Mahalo.

# **LATE TESTIMONY**

## **Testimony of the Board of Dentistry**

**Before the  
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 430**

**On the following measure:  
S.B. 774 S.D.1, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING**

Chair Ohno and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., and I am the Chairperson of the Board of Dentistry ("Board"). At its meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019, the Board unanimously voted to express its strong opposition to SB774 S.D.1 because the bill will effectively eliminate auxiliary personnel known as dental assistants.

The purposes of this bill are to 1) prohibit a licensing authority from using rules to supersede requirements set forth in licensing laws and adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties, activities, or functions that, if performed by another professional, would require licensure of that professional; and 2) exempt persons who are working toward licensure, including but not limited to apprentices, trainees, graduates, or students and personnel under the supervision of a licensee and who are not otherwise required to obtain a license, in certain circumstances. (S.D.1).

This measure exempts personnel who are under the supervision of a licensee and who are not required to obtain a license pursuant to applicable licensing statutes; provided that the exemption does not apply to auxiliary personnel regulated under chapter 448, which is the statute for dentists. Passage of this measure could result in



the termination of over 4000 people currently working as dental assistants who will no longer be able to perform the functions of that job.

As in every jurisdiction known to regulate dentistry, dental assistants are vital to the success of the dental practice and are an essential part of the dental team (dental assistants, dental hygienists, and dentists), contributing to the care of the patient within their defined area of responsibility. They are also important in providing safe and quality dental care to their patients, providing an extra set of eyes and ears that watch over patients, keeping them safe.

There are over 4000 dental assistants currently employed in dental offices, community health centers, schools and hospitals statewide. Eliminating these dental auxiliary personnel by eliminating their currently legal functions will create a huge burden in the field of dentistry, increasing the time needed for each patient procedure, increasing the costs for dental care, and thereby greatly reducing access to care. The Board is also concerned that there will be fiscal and economic impacts due to the possible unemployment of 4,000+ dental assistants.

Currently, the Kapiolani Community College offers the only accredited Dental Assisting Program in the state. Passage of this measure would eliminate the need for this program, as well as the need for other non-accredited dental assisting schools in Hawaii, e.g., the Hawaii Dental Assistants Academy and the Hawaii School of Dental Arts.

In the January 2018 Office of the Auditors' Sunrise Analysis: Regulation of Dental Assistants, Report No. 18-02, the Auditor recommended that the Legislature

should consider a tiered regulatory scheme for the profession of dental assisting under which dental assistants must comply with regulatory requirements before performing duties that may reasonably affect patient health, safety, or welfare.

However, dental assistants whose practices are limited to the more basic duties that do not reasonably endanger patient health, safety, or welfare do not require any credential to perform those duties.

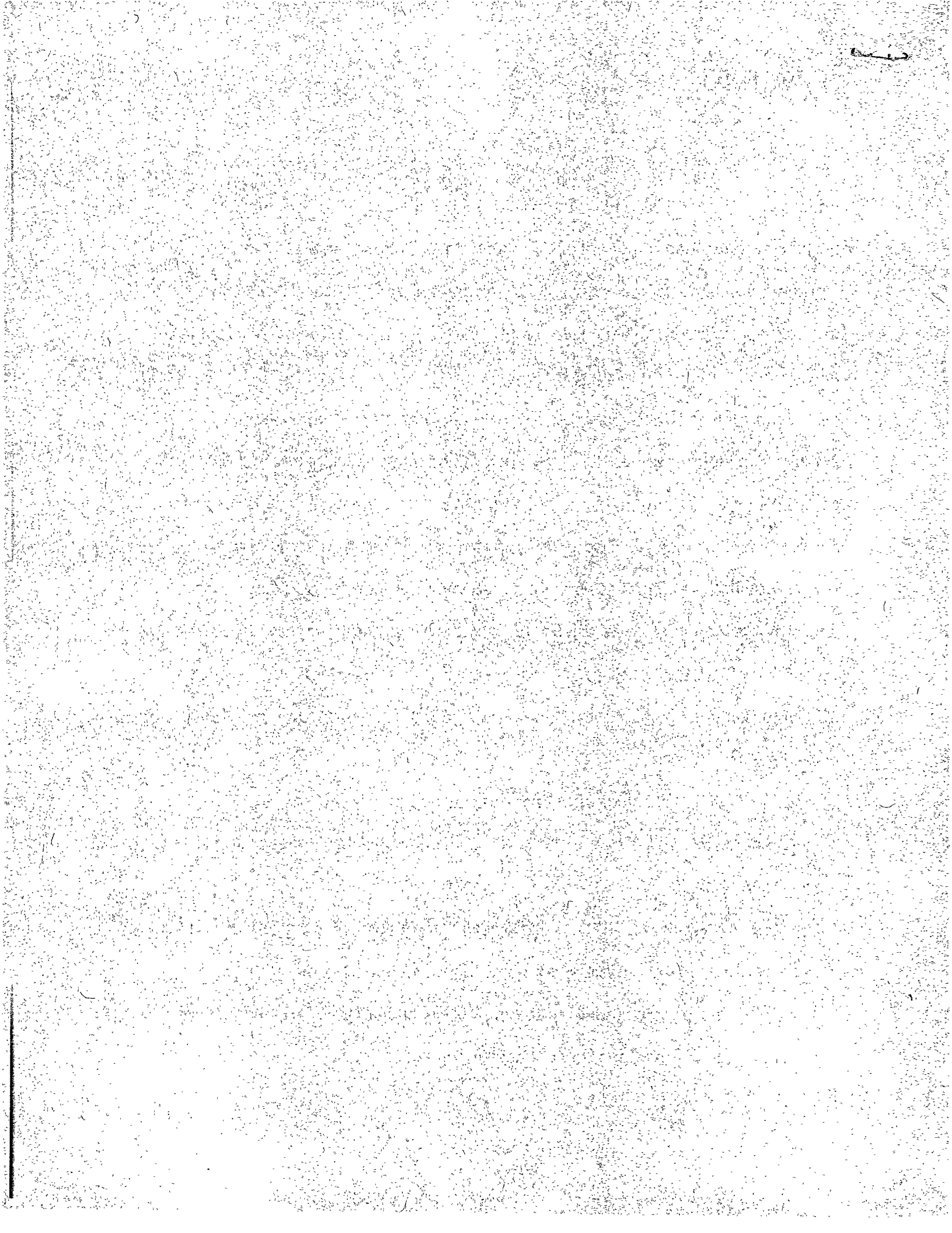
Currently, all dental assistants must receive training in sterilization and infection procedures, ethics, CPR, and record keeping and client confidentiality before they can perform certain defined functions. This ensures patient protection. Nevertheless, the Board supports HB 221 HD2, which establishes a tiered structure for the regulation of dental assistants, as recommended by the Auditor's report. In addition, this measure allows the Board an appropriate amount of time to discuss with stakeholders the promulgation of its rules. With the rapid changes in current trends and technology, flexibility in the promulgation of rules governing the profession of dentistry is important.

SB774 S.D.1 in its current form does not incorporate any of the recommendations from the Auditor's report and is in conflict with the language as proposed in HB221 HD2.

Lastly, passage of SB774 S.D.1 would make Hawaii the only jurisdiction to effectively prohibit dental assistants from working in the field of dentistry.

For these reasons, the Board strongly recommends that SB774 S.D.1 be held.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



## LATE TESTIMONY

TO: Rep Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Date: March 12 2019  
Subj: S.B.774, S.D.1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing  
From: Mark C Chun, DMD,

Sir,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 774, S.D.1 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

It will place a severe Safety burden upon all the procedures we do in our dental performances. This may and can affect the health and welfare of our patients

It will displace or put out of work several hundred if not thousands of Dental Assistants in our state. The bill would relegate the legal duties of a dental assistant to clerical or janitorial duties only.

Our Dental Assistants play a key role in our dental industry. Without them we would be greatly hampered.

Dental Hygienists will be forced to provide assistance in numerous daily dental operations which means they would be taken away from their primary hygiene role.

For hundreds of dental assistants this is an entry level job and for many a full time meaningful opportunity and life time wonderful career.

Passage of this bill will end this all for us.

Respectfully yours,

Mark C. Chun, DMD, MS  
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# LATE TESTIMONY

TO: Rep Takashi Ohno, Chair  
Committee on Intrastate Commerce  
Date: March 12, 2019  
Subj: S.B.774, S.D.1, Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing  
From: Nohealani Gager, Dental Assistant

Good Morning Committee,

My name is Nohealani Gager, I am here to testify against S.B.774, S.D.1 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing.

I've been working as a Dental Assistant all together for 5 years. I been professionally trained and put in just as much time as a Certified Dental Assistant.

If this Bill passes, it will affect me and my Family, I am a single parent who got the Opportunity to Make Dental Assisting My Career.

I believe Dental Assistants with Tenure, Should be able to start and complete Dental Certification Courses in a timely matter, while being able to continue a full time position with their current employer.

Thank you for allowing me to make my statement today.

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# LATE TESTIMONY

GOOD MORNING COMMITTEE,

I SHEILA REYES AM IN OPPOSITION TO SB774,SD1 RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VACATIONAL LICENSING. I RECENTLY STARTED AS A DENTAL ASSISTANT AND I HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY TRAINED TO DO MY JOB WITH PROFESSIONALISM AND EXCELLENCE. IF THIS BILL PASSES IT WILL MEAN I MAY BE OUT OF NOT ONLY A JOB BUT A CAREER I HAVE FOUND TO BE CHALLENGING AND REWARDING!. IF THIS BILL PASSES IT WILL AFFECT NOT JUST MY JOB BUT OVER FOUR THOUSAND OTHER DENTAL ASSISTANTS. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER OF 2 BEING A DENTAL ASSISTANT HAS GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE FOR MY CHILDREN. KINDLY RECONSIDER YOUR DECION WITH PASSING SB774, SD1.

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