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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the proper  
2 certification of dental assistants is necessary to ensure the  
3 health, safety, and well-being of the State's citizens.  
4 Currently, Hawaii is a part of a small group of states that does  
5 not require dental assistants to be certified. The legislature  
6 acknowledges that oral health experts should determine the  
7 criteria necessary to create a regulatory framework that allows  
8 dental assistants to grow their profession while also ensuring  
9 patient safety.

10           The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force to  
11 provide recommendations for qualification and certification  
12 requirements for dental assistants in Hawaii.

13           SECTION 2. (a) There is established the dental assistant  
14 task force within the department of commerce and consumer  
15 affairs for administrative purposes. The task force shall  
16 develop and recommend criteria to certify dental assistants in  
17 the State.



1 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

2 (1) The director of commerce and consumer affairs or the  
3 director's designee, who shall serve as chairperson;

4 (2) The director of health or the director's designee;

5 (3) A member of the board of dentistry; and

6 (4) One representative from each of the following, to  
7 serve at the invitation of the chairperson:

8 (A) The Hawaii dental association;

9 (B) The Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association; and

10 (C) The dental assisting program at Kapiolani  
11 community college.

12 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without  
13 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses  
14 incurred, including travel expenses. No member of the task  
15 force shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised  
16 Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a  
17 member of the task force.

18 (d) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
19 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
20 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
21 the regular session of 2021.



1 (e) The task force shall be dissolved on June 30, 2021.

2 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

DCCA; DOH; Dental Assistants; Task Force

**Description:**

Establishes the dental assistant task force within DCCA.  
Requires a report to the legislature.

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