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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO  
CONVENE A DENTAL ASSISTANT WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AND  
RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

1 WHEREAS, the licensure or certification of professionals in  
2 the service industry helps to build consumer confidence and  
3 trust in the services they receive; and  
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5 WHEREAS, proper certification of dental assistants is  
6 necessary to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the  
7 State's citizens; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a part of a small group of states that  
10 does not require dental assistants to be certified; and  
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12 WHEREAS, oral health experts should determine the criteria  
13 necessary to create a regulatory framework that allows dental  
14 assistants to grow in their profession while also ensuring  
15 patient safety; now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
19 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Commerce and  
20 Consumer Affairs is requested to convene a dental assistant  
21 working group to develop and recommend certification  
22 requirements for dental assistants in the State; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
25 to consist of the following members:  
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- 27 (1) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or the  
28 Director's designee, who shall serve as chairperson of  
29 the working group;  
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