
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

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 and the allowable scope of practice for dental
13 assistants in Hawaii.

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



1 certification requirements, scope of practice, and other
2 pertinent aspects necessary for the regulation of dental
3 assistants in the State.

4 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members
5 or their designees:

6 (1) The director of commerce and consumer affairs, who
7 shall serve as chairperson;

8 (2) The director of health;

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

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

12 (A) The Hawaii Dental Association;

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

14 (C) The dental assisting program at Kapiolani
15 community college.

16 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without
17 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses,
18 including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their
19 duties.

20 (d) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
21 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the regular session of 2021.

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

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on June 18, 2050.



Report Title:

DCCA; DOH; Dental Assistants; Task Force

Description:

Establishes the dental assistant task force within DCCA.
Requires a report to the legislature. Effective 6/18/2050.
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