

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2207
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Intrastate Commerce, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2207 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Board of Dental
Examiners (Board) to adopt rules establishing a tiered regulatory
framework for the regulation of dental assistants in Hawaii and
submit a report to the Legislature detailing the rules that were
adopted.

Numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.
The Board, Hawaii Dental Association, Hawaii Dental Hygienists'
Association, and two concerned individuals provided comments on
this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the educational requirement for basic-level
dental assistants;
- (2) Clarifying that, as a requirement for certification as
an advanced-qualified dental assistant, a dental
assistant received expanded function training in duties
as specified by rules adopted by the Board rather than



specifying that the training be in the application of pit and fissure sealants or advanced remedial intra-oral dental tasks;

- (3) Specifying that the report submitted by the Board to the Legislature be on the progress of adopting rules for the tiered regulatory framework for dental assistants rather than on detailing the rules adopted;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Intrastate Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2207, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2207, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Intrastate
Commerce,



TAKASHI OHNO, Chair



