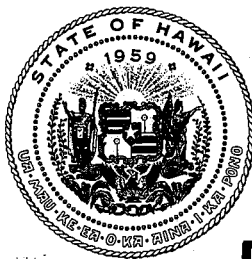


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VIA EMAIL & HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President
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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
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Re: Sunrise Analysis: Regulation of Dental Assistants, Report No. 18-02

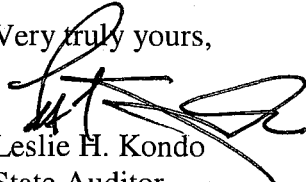
Dear President Kouchi, Ms. Baker, and Ms. Tokuda:

We are enclosing a copy of our *Sunrise Analysis: Regulation of Dental Assistants*, Report No. 18-02, with the Auditor's Summary. As directed by Act 84 (2017 Session Laws of Hawaii), we assessed whether the profession of dental assisting should be regulated by the State of Hawaii based on the criteria for licensure in the Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act, Chapter 26H, Hawaii Revised Statutes. We found that certain duties that Hawaii dental assistants currently perform potentially impact the health, safety, and welfare of dental patients and, therefore, that dental assistants who perform those functions should be regulated.

The report is accessible through our website at:
<http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2018/18-02.pdf>.

If you have questions about the report, please contact me.

Very truly yours,


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