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SENATE 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 Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
18 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
19 Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs is requested to
20 convene a dental assistant working group to develop and
21 recommend certification requirements for dental assistants in
22 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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31 (2) The Director of Health or the Director's designee;



- 1 (3) A member of the Board of Dentistry;
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- 3 (4) A representative from the Hawaii Dental Association;
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- 5 (5) A representative from the Hawaii Dental Hygienists'
- 6 Association; and
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- 8 (6) A representative from the Dental Assisting Program at
- 9 Kapiolani Community College; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
 12 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
 13 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
 14 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 15 of 2021; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
 19 Consumer Affairs; Director of Health; Chairperson of the Board
 20 of Dentistry; President of the Hawaii Dental Association;
 21 President of the Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association; and Dean
 22 of Health Academic Programs at Kapiolani Community College.

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